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Flats and shops to transform pub site

A FORMER pub is to be A FORMER PUB IS to be turned into shops, flats and a restaurant as part of proposals that have been recommended for approval, despite residents' concerns. Plans have been submit-ted for the Hearty Goodfel-low pub in Mauchan Street

ted for the Hearty Goodtel-low pub in Maughan Street, Dudley.
Under the proposals, a two-storey rear extension would be built at the va-cant building to house the two shops with flats located above above.

Traffic

There would also be a single-storey extension to the side of the building for the restaurant and another flat,

restaurant and another hat, as well as 11 parking spaces. Planning officers have recommended the plan be approved when it is dis-cussed by Dudley Council's

cussed by Dudley Council's development control committee on Tuesday.

But nearby residents have objected, saying it will increase traffic congestion along narrow roads and they are concerned about possible anti-social behaviour from people congregating near the new shops. Residents are also worried about potential noise and smells from the restaurant.

Councillors will be told the proposals are acceptable

the proposals are acceptable but measures will be needed to control noise and odours.

Four arrests in police raids

FOUR men arrested after police swooped on a gang suspected of burglaries at nearly 70 homes across the West Midlands have been bailed

Officers carried out the operation on nine addresses last week and three men aged in their 20s were ar-rested at a travellers site on Oak Lane, Kingswinford. Police said all three had now been bailed until May 23.

A 48-year-old man ar-rested from a caravan in Heath Town has also been bailed until the same date.

STREETS APART ER CLOSURE

A ROAD will be closed permanently to traffic as part of a controversial £10,000 scheme which has divided residents near Buffery Park.

Campaigners claim highways bosses are 'out of order' by backing a project which they claim has made their lives a misery.

Blackacre Road, near Buffery Park, has been shut in

Blackacre Road, near Buf recent months as part of a trial scheme after people living in the road claimed it was being used by motorists as a 'rat run'.

They said traffic was using the road as a shortcut to get to Dudley Southern Bypass, claiming more than 6,000 vehicles were using the narrow street per day.

Outrage

Dudley Council's high-ways officials closed the road to through traffic but this sparked outrage from resi-dents living on side streets around Buffery Park.

They objected to the scheme, claiming it had only served to push traffic onto their side streets. They fear for the safety of children using the park.

The council's highways chief, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, has agreed to make the move permanent. He said: "Blackacre Road

has been a very complicated issue and we have had to make sure we did not rush into anything.

"We consulted widely on the proposals which re-vealed residents Blackacre Road, who were directly af-fected, wanted the road to remain closed for through traffic.

"It shows we have listened carefully to what people have had to say and acted on this important information. Alternative pro-

by Andrew Turton

posals for traffic calming across the area were over-whelmingly rejected."

One of the campaigners, Bill Chambers, claimed the council failed to listened to the 'majority' of people living in the area.

"They have just gone and listened to the people in one street rather than everyone else who says this is a problem," he said.

Highways officials drew up plans to install traffic calming measures and a 20mph limit while allowing motorists to use Blackacre Road again last year.

But a consultation with residents found that 23.5 per cent supported those proposals while 76.5 per cent were against.

In light of the outcome of this consultation, officials recommended that the clorecommended that the clo-sure of Blackacre Road to through traffic be retained and only some traffic calm-ing such as speed bumps be introduced.

But a further petition with 176 signatures is objecting to any traffic calming and was presented to the council.

There were also two peti-tions totalling 90 signatures asking for Blackacre Road to remain shut.

Black Country gran has got talent



The dramatic routine by Sarah, aged 79, and her 40-year-old partner Nico Espinosa on the BGT stage

The dramatic routine by Sarah, aged 'SALSA dancing granny Sarah 'Paddy' Jones has her sights set on the Britain's Got Talent crown. She and partner Nico's stunning performance on TV saw them put her straight through to the semi-finals. The 79-year-old, originally from Stourbridge, amazed celebrity judges as she was thrown around the stage by partner Nico Espinosa in the show on Saturday night. Paddy's performance was so good that it produced the first use of a 'golden buzzer', pressed by Amanda Holden, which puts her straight through to the live shows.

The dance, which began slowly before exploding into life, did not get off to the best start as hard-to-please Simon Cowell

79, and her 40-year-old partner Nico Esi pushed his red buzzer and yawned. But he was left agape as he watched her doing splits and tumbles and swung around by Nico who, at 40, is almost half her age. After Simon told her: "Wow. I apologise for what I did because I did buzz a little early before all the crazy things happened. It was extraordinary."

Paddy, who used to run Paddy's Fabrics in Coventry Street, danced from the age of two but gave it up to have her four children. She moved to Spain with husband David where he died of leukaemia, and she started dancing again at classes run by Nico. The pair won the Spanish version of Britain's Got Talent in 2009 and a 10,000 Euro prize.



Sarah 'Paddy' Jones

Concern at impact of betting

GAMBLERS lost £24 million on high stakes machines in town centre bookies in the West Midlands in one year, figures have shown.

Campaigners say it reinforces calls for a clampdown on fixed odds betting terminals that allow neonle to

on fixed odds betting terminals that allow people to gamble hundreds of pounds at a time.

The Campaign for Fairer Gambling reveals that some of the biggest losses were incurred in areas with the highest deprivation, with people in Sandwell blowing F7.4m on the machines last year. Estimates by the group suggest gamblers in Dudley lost just under £5m. The Association of British Bookmakers disputes the statistics and said it would make 'no sense' for its members to target poor communities.

It comes as a single book-

It comes as a single book-makers' chain, Ladbrokes, was shown to have made £1 billion from the highly ad-dictive machines in just one

Councils could be given

powers to stop clusters of betting shops. Bookmakers are allowed a maximum four fixed odd betting machines in each of their premises. They are so popular that it is claimed they account for up to 80 per cent of the profits in some high street betting offices.

Elderly man knocked over

AN ELDERLY man was seriously injured when he was knocked to the ground after a car hit his parked vehicle in Sedgley, say police.

The 79-year-old was said The 79-year-old was said to be putting shopping into the boot of his car when it appeared to have been shunted by another vehicle in Brownswall Road last week. Police say he was knocked backwards to the ground, suffering a head injury, cuts and bruises. He was taken by ambulance to Russells Hall Hospital.



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Homes go-ahead at former school site Asbestos led to the

PLANS for a housing development on part of the site of a former school in Cradley have been given the go-

The proposals have been submitted by William Davis Limited which wants to build nine homes on the northern part of the old Cradley High School site.

It comes as work continues on a nearby £18 million retirement

It's hoped the scheme in King Street will be a wel-

come boost for traders and shops and aid the town's

At the moment only buses and taxis can use the route and motorists wishing to drive from one side of King Street

to the other are diverted in a loop around Flood Street car parks to the rear of King

Street.

Under the proposals, the road will be re-opened to all traffic, which the council says will have improve access to the town centre including the Churchill

access to the town centre including the Churchill shopping precinct.

It will allow businesses to make the most of passing trade, bosses say. The project will also see the creation

italice, tosses as, The price will also see the creation of four new parking spaces. They will be free to use for up to an hour and it's hoped they will encourage people to shop locally.

Transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "We have listened to the views of local traders and are planning to make King Street two-way for traffic. "The scheme will help local businesses and improve traffic flow through the town, while maintaining facilities for bus passengers with a dedicated bus lane. "The whole scheme will

with a dedicated bus lane.
"The whole scheme will
also be a lot safer for pedestrians walking to and from
that part of town, and shows
we value the feedback from

local shoppers and busi-

King Street will be opened between its junction with New Mill Street/Union Street and Flood Street/Hall

regeneration.

Plea goes

out to help

town bloom

A CALL has gone out to volunteers and businesses to spruce up a town centre ahead of a visit by judges for a top flower contest.

Volunteers have been busy working towards Hale-sowen's entry to the Heart of England In Bloom contest in preparation for the first

Work has been going to on help clean the streets, in-volve traders and dream up

ideas for displays planted over recent months.

Other towns and cities in the Black Country, such as Stourbridge, Bilston and Wolverhampton, have been entering the competition in recent years.

And volunteers in Hale.

And volunteers in Hale And volunteers in Hale-sowen thought they should try to emulate their success while also helping to pro-mote community spirit in the town.

Entry organiser Eve O'Connor, who is manager at Cornbow Shopping Cen-tre in Halesowen, urged more people to get involved

in forthcoming activities, which include a litter pick.

Call Mrs O'Connor on 0121 5855495 or email eve@cornbow.co.uk for further detail or to sponsor the

visit by judges.

village, which will have 120 apartments. It is being built on the main part of the site which was left vacant when the school was demolished in 2010.

A planning application for the homes has been approved by Dud-ley Council after being supported by

pairs of semi-detached houses. They would all be two-storey and finished in brick and tile.

One letter of objection raised concerns about the new houses being out of character with the surrounding area and fears about an increase in traffic

officers.

The development will be made up of five detached houses and two

the granting of outline planning permission for the erection of dwellpermission for the erection of dwellings on the site as part of the application for the redevelopment of the wider site. The approved means of access will be provided through an extension to Ormande Close."

Midland Heart is building the retirement village, expected to be completed next spring. A WOMAN who spent her life working as a machinist died from an illness caused by inhaling asbestos. Patricia Harris from own centre route v Lower Gornal died at New Cross Hospital on June 16 while undergoing treatment for mesothelioma in her lungs. The condition occurs open again to all traffic

lor mesomenoma in ner lungs. The condition occurs as a result of exposure to asbestos. The 72-year-old of Maple Drive had been diagnosed with the cancer and treated with radiotherapy. A statement from her daughter Susan Thompson was read at the inquest at Smethwick Council House. She wrote: "She inhaled asbestos dust from metal lagged pipes while she was working at Clifford and Sons in Lower Gornal. During the 1950s and 60s she also worked at Mander Brothers where she said she came into contact with asbestos dust. When she was at Clifford and sons she worked the presses herself worked the presses herself and there were a lot of asworked the presses herself and there were a lot of as-

death of

machinist

and there were a lot of as-bestos lagged pipes and as-bestos overhead."

A post-mortem found she died of pneumonia brought on by mesothelioma that developed after she inhaled asbestos. Senior Coroner Robin Balmain concluded that she had died of an in-dustrial disease due to expo-sure to asbestos.

It's lucky 13 at house team

A COUNCIL housing team are proving thirteen is a lucky number after winning their 13th consecutive gold award for safety.

The housing service's onstruction team at Dud-ley Council are among the winners in the Royal Soci-ety for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Occu-pational Health and Safety Awards 2014.

The President's Award for 1 consecutive golds will be presented during a cere-mony at the Hilton Birming-ham Metropole Hotel, at the National Exhibition Centre, on May 15 on May 15.

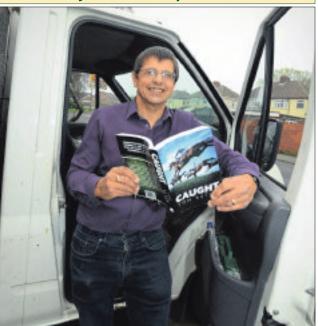
Cuppa for charity

A CHARITY coffee morning will take place at Oldbury Library on Thursday, April 24, in aid of a local hospice.

24, in aid of a local hospice.

The fundraiser will run
from 10am until 11.30am
and money raised will go to
Acorns Children's Hospice.
For details call 0121 552

A £650,000 scheme to open up a main route Traffic jams inspired author through Dudley town centre to all traffic for the first time in 12 years has been approved.



First time author Tom Butler, AKA Tommy Trucker, with his horse racing thriller Caught

TRUCKER and author Tom Butler found find inspiration for his debut published novel while clogged in traffic at the wheel

novel while clogged in traffic at the wheel of his lorry.

Mr Butler is starting on a journey which he hopes will make his dreams of a literature career come true.

His book, called Caught, which is a thriller set in the world of National Hunt horse racing, has hit the book shelves.

Tom, aged 62, of Dudley Road, Wall Heath, has always had a love for writing, even while he served a three decade long

Around 60 businesses and residents were consulted on the scheme. The council received 10 responses with seven in favour and three

career with Lloyds Bank. For 13 of those years he worked as a chief cashier at the Wolverhampton branch.

But after deciding leave, he started up his own light haulage company called 'Tommy Trucker' working for firms across the Midlands.

Life on the open road was proving quite the tonic for Tom who has been able to devote more and more time to his writing. www.bookguild.co.uk

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son chokes to death in his sleep

A MAN died after choking

A MAN died after choking in his sleep while heavily se-dated, an inquest heard. Jon Birks was found un-conscious in his bedroom by his family at their home in Pensnett on October 19 last vear. Ambulance crews were

year. Ambulance crews were called but he was declared dead at the scene.

The hearing at Smethwick Council House heard that the 27-year-old, of Heydon Road, had been taking sedatives to help him sleep and had been drinking alcohol the night before he died. His mother Angela Keilty discovered his body. She told the hearing: "He has choked on his food before and was found just in time by a member of the family and spent three days in hospital. I said to him that night not to eat too late because he knew what hed because he knew too late because he knew what had happened before."

what had happened before.

A post mortem carried out
by Dr Swapna Ghosh, consultant pathologist at Russells Hall Hospital, found
that the 27-year-old had
food trapped in his windpipe that had caused him to
abble to death. choke to death

choke to death.

A high quantity of Quetiapine was in his system, more
than six times the normal
dose, which he had been
given by doctors to help him
sleep. Dr Ghosh said the
sedative was a contributing
factor in his death.

Crackdown on roque traders

TRADING standards of-ficers have joined forces with the police to crack down on rogue traders.

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Operation Rogue Trader
saw a team of police and
trading standards officers
carry out a day of action
at hotspots in Sandwell,
including Cradley Heath.
Eleven of 12 traders spoken
to by officers were genuine Eleven of 12 traders spoken to by officers were genuine but one ran away before his credentials could be verified.

Sandwell Trading Standards manager Bob Charnley said: "We are sending out a clear message to rogue traders that their activities will not be tolerated."

Shakespeare on sea

DRAMA group Side-by-Side are rehearsing their version of William Shake-speare's Twelfth Night. version of windin Shares speare's Twelfth Night. The Stourbridge company have renamed the play II-lyria-on-Sea, to be staged at Stourbridge Town Hall from June 25 to 28. Tickets from The French Deli.

Tragedy as Bunnygirl reveller attacked train passengers NEWS in brief



Dressed as a bunny girl, Tanya Oakley

SHE described herself as '10 out of 10' on a scale of drunkenness when she attacked two train passengers she believed were laughing at her – while she wore a bunny girl costume

Mother-of-four Tanya Oakley thought she had heard a 'disparaging comment' at her expense as she travelled on a train at Birmingham Moor Street after a night of clubbing. The 26-year-old believed a group

of people were 'laughing at her'.
She went down the carriage and swung at one woman's mouth and yanked the hair of another, Birmingham Magistrates Court

was told. Oakley, of Best Street, Cradley Heath, was given a conditional discharge lasting 18 months after admitting two charges of common assault on November 2 last year. The train driver was disturbed by the fracas and went back into the carriag

the fracas and went back into the carriage to tell everyone to calm down, before telling those involved to get off.

The group including the two women Oakley attacked – who had also been out clubbing – got off the train but Oakley's group jumped back on to continue the journey.

Oakley later saw a CCTV picture of herself which had been released to the media

by police and called officers. Mr Jonathan Purser, prosecuting, said: "In interview she said she left the club with her friends at 5am and on a scale of 1-10 of intoxication,

she said she was about a 10.

"At the conclusion of the interview she said she was ashamed of what she had done.

Mr Darryl Foster, defending, said Oakley
was 'distraught' at what had happened as
she was not a habitual drinker and had 'just

gone out to let her hair down'.
Oakley was ordered to pay £25 compensation to the two women she assaulted, as well as £50 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Tasty tiger will be star attraction

A LIFE-SIZED cake in the A LIFE-SIZED cake in the shape of Dudley Zoo's Su-matran tiger Daseep will be a star attraction when new store Oak Furniture Land opens its doors at Merry Hill retail park on

Saturday. The tiger head cake has been made by Midlands cake artist Annabel de Vettern of Conjurers Kitchen and will be on show at the store from 9 to 10.30am.

To celebrate opening the store will also be having an Easter sale on selected

PHP buys Lion centre for £8.5m

PRIMARY Health Properties has bought the new Lion Health Centre in Stourbridge for £8.5 mil-

PHP, which has a re-gional base is in Worcester, specialises in investing in health sector properties

It originally purchased the site including the historic Foster and Rastrick foundry in Bradley Road in 2012.

Construction of the new 27,986 sq ft health centre began in the autumn of 2012.

Dementia charity night at the bingo

A BINGO night will be held to raise money for Sandwell's Better Under-Sandwell's Better Under-standing of Dementia char-ity at Mecca Oldbury from 6pm on Saturday. Money raised will be split between the running cost of BUDS which supports dementia sufferers, and Birmingham Midland Eye Centre

People attending can pay £20 for a bingo, a meal and bottle of bubbly. Call 0121 565 3721.

Second chance to discover pondlife

A SECOND pond activity session at a nature reserve in Halesowen has been organised due to high de-

Children can discover Children can discover the mini beasts in The Leasowes ponds during the event on Wednesday, April 23, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Booking is essential by call-ing (01384) 814642. Meet

New store opens

at the wardens' base.

A NEW homeware store has opened its doors at the Merry Hill shopping centre creating 30 new jobs. Danish chain Tiger says it will offer 'quality, inex-pensive' items from its new store.

Police hunt thug who used syringe on victim

police after a woman was attacked by a man holding a syringe during a terrifying lunchtime incident in Blackheath.

Police have only recently released details of the attack which left the 28-year-old deeply distressed

during weeks of medical tests. She had driven to Blackheath High Street to Greggs bak-

be honoured at hall event

ARMED services veter-ans entitled to badges and medals are being urged to come forward to have their

come forward to have their awards presented to them at Armed Forces Day.
Dudley Council has teamed up with Forces Recruitment Services for the event at Himley Hall on June 29, from 11am to 5pm, to include a presentation of medals and badges by the Mayor of Dudley.
John Polychronakis, chief executive at Dudley Council, said: "The event goes from strength to strength each

strength to strength each year and we hope this year is no exception. The most important part of the day is celebrating the achieve-ments of local veterans and I would urge anyone enti-tled to a HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge, Arctic Star and Bomber Command

and Bomber Command Clasp to come forward and have their badges and med-als presented on the day." Anyone who has already received a armed forces badge but has not had it formally presented to them before, can contact Dudley Council on 01384 818186 to be part of the ceremony.

Veterans to blackhead might street wordings back-ery and, as she left, a man who was on his phone and wearing a Sandwell Homes jumper, bumped into her.

Punched

He walked behind her as she returned to her car parked on Short Street. The man punched the victim in the back and walked off towards the High Street. It was then that she noticed he

was then that she noticed he was holding a syringe. Pc Joe Toon, from Sandwell Police, said: "The woman took off her coat and found that there was a mark of an yellow liquid. It seems her assailant had possibly injected her, or tried to. The incident was deeply distressing for the lady. She has endured weeks of upset and medical tests."

The attacker is aged mid

medical tests."

The attacker is aged mid to late 30s, around 5ft 8in tall, of chubby build, bald and was wearing a blue baseball cap. He wore a navy blue jumper with a 'Sandwell Homes' logo and blue trousers

blue trousers.
Pc Toon said officers were attempting to trace the offender and had been in contact with Sandwell Homes.

tact with Sandwell Homes. The attack took place at around 2.15pm on February 26. Two women were attacked with a needle in Walsall in December, mirroring a spate of stabbings in Birmingham last year. Call Sandwell Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Head in pledge on school progress



'We are on track' — head teacher Ben Stitchman has set a target at Dormston School, in Mill Bank, Sedgley

HEADMASTER has vowed to a secondary school out of special sures within one academic year.

Dormston School, Mill Bank, Sedg ley, was judged 'inadequate' by Ofsted and placed in special measures after an inspection in July 2013. Ben Stitchman was appointed as the headmaster last September and says he is deter-mined to drive up standards.

Mr Stitchman said: "We are aiming to do it in one academic year. I think we are on track and to go from special measures to be classed as a good school in one year, which would be ground breaking."

to ensure students made enough progress. Standards were said to be 'too low' in English and mathematics.

Dormston has since received two monitoring visits, both 'positive'.

Mr Stitchman has set a target to pull the school out of special measures by the next Office. by the next Ofsted inspection, due at the start of the next academic year.

If achieved it would be in just over half the time allowed. Mr Stitchman admits the school, with 1,500 pupils aged 11 to 16, has a lot of work to do. The school was criticised for failing

He explained: "There was a lack of expectation but now our improve-ment is about raising expectations and pushing the students harder to achieve their potential.

"We have a terrific year 11 and the staff are putting a lot of energy into them. We are hoping for our best ever GCSE results this summer."



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MORE on the seven-a-day fruit and vegetable debate One reader asks whether knowing a Swede counts as one portion. Another reader tells me his lifestyle should qualify as a few portions. He is a couch potato.

ANY bets on how long this fad for seven portions of fruit and vegetables will last before some scientist discovers a dramatic increase in human flatulence is destroying the ozone layer?

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SO FAREWELL, Maria Miller. All along, David Cameron insisted the former culture secretary had "done the right thing" when he, she and the whole world knew that the only right thing was resignation. A reader says he recalls that back in 1975 the rock group Queen foresaw David Cameron's long and pointless defence of Miller with a line in Bohemian Rhapsody: "Ms Miller, no! / We will not let her go." Yes, it was something like that.

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TONY Blair says politicians should be prepared to start wars – even if the people are against it. He believes the opposition of the people "doesn't invalidate the necessity to intervene." This is breath-taking stuff. If a government goes to war when the people are against it, in whose name are you dropping those bombs? Whose interests are you serving – the interests of an American president, perhaps? Blair is a great gift to conspiracy theorists. When you hear him speak, you could almost believe this world is run in the interests of New World Order organisations like the Illuminati or global World Order organisations like the Illuminati or global banking. What a scary man he is. I interviewed him four times. Never liked him. Never understood his appeal.

"DIGITAL Age Drove Auntie to Dignitas" was a typical headline on the report about an 89-year-old British woman who was allowed to commit suicide at the Dignitas Clinic in Switzerland even though she was neither seriously handicapped nor terminally ill. It seems she was depressed by every modern thing from the rise of ready meals to computers, emails, television, destruction of the environment and "people becoming more and more remote." But while the image of an old lady driven to suicide by the digital age makes great headlines, most reports downplayed a significant fact. The lady, identified only as Anne, had been seriously ill last year and spent 11 days in hospital. She described the experience as "unadulterated hell." I bet that chimes with thousands of elderly folk who have been pitchforked by illness from the ordered serenity of their own homes into the uncaring indignity of a hospital ward full of the sort of people, both patients and staff, that you normally try to avoid. Knowing the future will probably bring more such "unadulterated hell," who wouldn't consider Dignitas? The digital age is painted as the villain in this story but I bet the NHS played a part.

WHEN the Sheffield half-marathon was cancelled because of a shortage of drinking water, I was so proud of my fellow Yorkshirefolk. First, with reet grand Northern disregard for the instructions, the runners ignored the cancellation and carried on running. Secondly, lo-cal folk armed themselves with thousands of bottles of mineral water and sold the runners as much as they could buy. Hang on. I have just been told that the locals actually gave the water away, for nowt. Are we absolutely sure this happened in Yorkshire?

WINE wisdom. The Times advises its readers not to order "house white, please" in restaurants but to try: "Have you got a viognier-style aromatic white, the sort you might find in the Dolomites?" And if you do say that, can you guess which word will flash into the mind of the waiter and anyone else within earshot? Rhymes with anchor.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

It's business as usual at market Memories

MARKET traders in Cradley Heath have insisted it is business as usual after their future was thrown into

Stallholders at Cradley Heath Market say there is 'no intention' of closing after it was revealed its parent company had gone into receivership.

Businesses at the market, which also includes 22 shop units, were

sent a letter by administrators KPMG informing them that Landmaster Ltd had gone into receivership. But market manager Peter Cope has had it confirmed by those managing the receivership that the popular market will not be shutting its doors.

He said: "I've had it confirmed from my head office in London, who had it confirmed from the receivers

that there's no intention of closing this market whatsoever. As far as more traders and to more business as nesses into the vacant shop units. usual.

"We are actually taking on new traders. I took on one last week and I'm taking one on next Tues-day who has moved over from West Bromwich market, selling greetings

The market, known as the 'big

Mr Cope said: "We are inviting people to come in and view the shop units, and asking them to make of-fers as opposed to us telling them 'this is the rent'.

The market is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 4pm.

The speed cameras are being switched back on

SPEED cameras are back in the Black Coun try - a year after they were turned off in a move to save money.

Dudley Council has unveiled five new cameras and will pay the £15,000 bill for installation and maintenance. The cameras are positioned in Halesowen, Stourbridge, Gornal Wood and Quarry Bank. Council chiefs said they were put in place in response to 'long-standing requests' from com-munities.

One of the new cameras on a 50mph street of 100mph s on a 50mph stretch of the Manor Way dual carriage-way in Halesowen, where Tipton motorcyclist Nick Foster died in an accident last June.

Deterrents

John Millar, Dudley Council's director for urban environment, said: "The environment, said: "The new units at Thorns Road, new units at Thorns Road, Quarry Bank; Manor Way, Halesowen; Coopers Bank Road, Gornal Wood; Old-nall Road, Stourbridge, and Grange Road, Stourbridge are in response to long-standing requests from the community for speeding deterrents.

The units cost around £3,000 each to install and maintain set against 2014 Department for Transport figures which show the average cost of a serious accident

age cost of a serious accident is more than £210,000."

He said West Midlands Police would continue to deal with enforcement.

The cameras were all in-

troduced within the past

A year ago 73 of the remaining active cameras were switched off by the West Midlands Safety Partnership. The decision was made after West Midlands Police said it could no longer offord the film a year year. afford the £1m a year running costs due to budget cuts. Instead, the number of the police's mobile van cameras on the region's roads

doubled to four.

Concerns continued to be raised about the speed of drivers in areas such as Manor Way. Members of Halesowen Athletics and Cycling Club voiced worries over the dangers of trying to pull out onto that road

Inspector Dez Lambert, from Dudley Police, welcomed the new camera and said they used new technology which made them cheaper to run. He said:

"We have long been aware doubled to four.

"We have long been aware of the speed of some mo-torists coming down Manor Way from the motorway. If the new camera reduces casualties on the road we, of course, welcome it."

Policing post at village

POLICE officers will be based at parish council offices following the closure of a village station.

West Mercia Police has shut the station in New Street Hagley as part of plans to save £1.5 million a year by 2016.

A 'community policing post' has now been set up at the parish council offices in Worcester Road.

parisn council offices in Worcester Road.

The police base will not be open to the public but the facilities will be used by officers to spend more time in the village. Inspector Sarah Corteen said: "We are pleased to be able to use the parish council facilities, enabling us to continue to strengthen our links with the people of Hagley."

Mine and mansion walk



Geologist Graham Worton is ready for a walk into the past at Himley Hall

VISITORS have the chance to take a guided tour of Himley Hall's historic parkland, designed by 18th century landscape gardener Capability Brown Walks will be taking place this spring giv-

was winto etamic place this spining giv-ing people the chance to learn more about the mansion and its surrounding acres. A 'walk through time' takes place on April 23. Involving history and geology goes to the last working pit of the South Staf-fordshire Coalfield, returning via woodland to Himley. Graham Worton, the borough's

geology expert, will lead the walk, starting in the courtyard of the hall at 6.15pm.

in the courtyard of the hall at b.15pm.
People can join the 10km South Staffs
Explorer walk on April 30 from 2 to 5pm
including Baggeridge and the South Staffs
Railway walk. Meet at the main car park.
There is an easy access trail on May 10
for wheelchair users and their families to oxplore the Himley Estate. Meet at the hall from 2pm. On May 25, there will be a guided walk around Himley Hall itself.

Book for the tours on (01384) 817817.

sought of greengrocer at museum

STAFF at the Black Country Living Museum are piecing together, the history of a greengrocer's shop.

They are appealing for people to come forward with their memories.

their memories.

A building at the attraction's canal side village will be transformed into the shop which was housed at 39 Lower Lichfield Street, Willenhall between around 1916 to 1932. The museum is appealing for information.

1916 to 1932. The museum is appealing for information so it can produce an authentic replica. Research by the museum's collections team to date shows that Gertrude Adey, née Illidge, is listed in the Kelly's Trade Directory as a greengrocer at the orignal address. She married William Adey in around ried William Adev in around 1900 and had two children, William A Adey, born circa 1901, and Gertrude M Adey, born circa 1903.

born circa 1903.
Staff are hoping to get more information about the Adey family, the shop and Lower Lichfield Street during the early 20th century. They are also appealing for photographs of Willenhall and Black Country greengrocer shops,pre-1960. Get in touch by email at info@ bclm.com or call 0121 557 9643 by April 28. Include name, telephone number and outline the information.

A busy first year at centre

THERE have been celebrations at Tipton Leisure Cen-tre where staff have marked its first anniversary.

More than 230,000 visitors has been through the doors since it opened last year. The centre now has more than 7,500 members using pools, gym and fitness

Classes.

The £8 million centre, which opened last April, was the first built in Sandwell since the 1970s and replaced a 1930s swimming pool. The centre, at the junction of Alexandra Road and Thursfield Road has a 25 metre. field Road, has a 25-metre, six-lane pool.

Home brews only

A BREWERY will only serve ales brewed in the Black Country at its 20 pubs over a weekend to celebrate the a weekend to celebrate the region's heritage. Black Country Ales, based in Low-er Gornal, will stage the event from July 11 to 14 to tie-in with official Black Country Day on July 14.



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teaching scheme at college

A TEACHING block for students with learning difficulties will be built under plans unveiled by a college.
Birmingham Metropolitan College want to open the

single-storey 'showroom' for single-storey snowroom for students next to its exist-ing Brierley Hill campus in Venture Way by September. The block will also include three small classrooms and

a space for team activities.
The college, which took
the name of Stourbridge
College following a merger
last year, has lodged a planning application for the
building with Dudley Council

BPN Architects said the BPN Architects said the proposal was part of an aim by the college to provide dedicated teaching for students with learning difficulties. The facility will enable the college to teach students how to live independently in the community, centred around a purpose-built independent living unit.

The building would provide a showroom-style

vide a showroom-style kitchen, bathroom, bedroom kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and other living areas. A living area in the block will double up as a quiet room for students on the campus.

The building will be on the campus' car park and will reduce the spaces available from 78 to 69.

Choirs team up at concert

TWO choirs united for a concert in Dudley Town Hall when more than 100 choristers from Viva Musica and Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir performed.

Each choirs sang a selec-Eact choirs sang a selection from its own repertoire and three items together as a massed mixed-voice choir. Michael Collie of BBC Midlands Today was compere. The performance in front of a 1,000 raised money for the mitter including Polytic. of a 1,000 raised money for charities, including Parkinsons UK and the Mayor of Dudley's Charity Appeal. Information on the choirs is available at www.viva-mu sica.co.uk and www.gsmvc.

Canal clean up

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a canal spring clean. The Canal and River Trust The Canal and River Trust want helpers for its clean up at Birmingham Main Line Canal, Tipton, on Saturday, April 26. Meet at Caggys Boatyard, Watery Lane, at 10am. See canalrivertrust. org.uk or call 03030 404040.

New block Prison for care boss who stole from resident NEWS in brief



A CARER who stole more than £9,000 from a disabled resident unable to care for himself has been

unable to care for himself has been jailed for nine months.

Sharon Raybould was acting manager at the Pathways Care Group home, Woodsetton, when she took the money from the account of the 53-year-old over a period of nearly two years.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the man was unable to communicate and had no family to look after his affairs.

As management, Raybould had access to his bank card and PIN number. But she betrayed this trust between May 28, 2011, and March 28, 2013, taking out £9,260. The court was told she made 80 such transactions.

transactions. Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting, said Mr Aevin Jones, prosecuting, said when money was taken out it was usually entered into a log but Ray bould had either not entered infor-mation or recorded smaller sums. Raybould, 42, of Beacon Lane, Sedgley, pleaded guilty to one count

of theft at a previous hearing. Mr Jones said that after she left the home in 2013 the new manager had

noticed discrepancies.

"When interviewed by police she admitted what she had done," added Mr Jones.

Mr Simon Hanns, defending, said his client was of previous good char-

"She is remorseful for what she has done and has admitted this money was used to top up her own financial difficulties. She is the sole

carer for her partner and his son and if given an immediate custodial

and if given an immediate custodial sentence it would have a major impact on the family."

Recorder Phillip Shears QC said a jail term was 'inevitable' given the severity of what she had done.

A spokesman for Pathways Care Group said: "Her behaviour fell well below the high standards we expect from of our staff in protecting and supporting vulnerable adults in our care. We therefore fully welcome the court's decision and the sentence."

Rock show for mayor's charities

MUSICIANS are hoping to hit the high notes for a charity gig taking place in the Midlands next month.

Tickets have gone on sale for the Rock and Roll Showcase which will be held in aid of the Mayor of

Dudley's charities. The bands Purple Stereo The bands Purple Stereo and The Oldest House will be taking to the stage at The Secret Venue, Pearson Street, Dudley, on May 10 from 7pm. Tickets cost £8, £6 for students, available by emailing suzylimesrdc@hotmail.co.uk

Labour councillor defending seat

A LABOUR councillor has been selected to defend her seat at next month's local elections.

elections.
Kingswinford North
and Wall Heath Councillor Lynn Boleyn was first
elected onto Dudley Council eight years ago and she
hopes to retain her seat on
May 22.
She has campaigned for

She has campaigned for 20mph speed restrictions in her ward and to save Maidensbridge Primary School, where she has been a governor for 12 years.

More time for children to play

CHILDREN will have even more time to play after ses-sion times were extended at a leisure centre.

Youngsters aged seven and under can enjoy the soft play suite at Stour-bridge's Crystal Leisure Centre every day and opening times have been extended on Mondays and Wednesdays. Sessions costs £4 for a parent and two children. Weekend sessions are 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Pair deny pub attack on man

TWO men have denied assault. Luke Walker, aged 26, of Gayfield Avenue, and Luke Seeley, 25, of Channon Drive, both Withymoor Village, pleaded not guilty to assault causing actual bodily harm at the Tenth Lock pub, Brierley Hill, on November 9. They were given conditional bail until trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court in July until trial at Wolverhamp-ton Crown Court in July.

Arsonists blamed

ARSONISTS are being blamed for two small at the former Longlands School in Brook Street, Stourbridge, at 9.30pm on Friday. A neighbour said she had reported youths breaking into the school.

Dedicated team is tackling the neighbours from hell

MORE than 1.000 cases of anti-social behav iour in Dudley have been dealt with by a specialist team set up to investigate complaints.

As a result there have been two evictions and four injunc-tions, which aim to prevent further problems. Some of the investigations have also led to warning letters being sent to troublemakers or noise abatement orders being issued.

Dudley Council says the dedicated team has allowed it

Sign up for animal facts in the zoo

VISITORS to Dudley Zoo can find out more about the exotic speciesat the site thanks to more than 400

new signs.

The display panels at the 40 acre site on Castle Hill are part of a £150,000 initiative supported by European Regeneration Development Funding.

Archive

Jill Hitchman, head of communications at the zoo, is tbehind the ambitious project and said: "The signs, which incorporate our fantitud in the proposition of the signs, which incorporate our fantitud in the proposition of the signs, which is the proposition of the signs, which is the proposition of the signs of the sign of the s which incorporate our instastic photographic archive, reflect the wide range of rare and exotic animals at DZG and also showcase our colourful history across with the dead of the colour full history across

eight decades.

"They offer instant, interesting and fun information in an easy-to-read format about individual species within the collection."

Peter Suddock, chief execreter Suddock, chief exec-utive at the zoo said the sig-nage project will transform the site. He added: "The whole site is to be re-signed. The signs will also provide clear and simple informa-tion about our animals."

provide a better service.
Councillor Steve Waltho,
cabinet member for housing
and community safety, said:
"One year ago this month
we changed how we dealt
with anti-social behaviour.
Previously people who were
suffering from neighbourhood nuisance were put in
touch with different teams,
depending on their issue.
"We now have just one
team of 19 anti-social behaviour specialists, drawn from provide a better service

team of 19 anti-social behaviour specialists, drawn from across the country, who are experts in their field. The simplicity of this approach and the extra skills that we now offer is benefitting our residents. No-one should

residents. No-one should have to live in constant fear. "If you are suffering from persistent noise nuisance, harassment, or anything else that is negatively affecting your life, give the anti-social behaviour team a call."

One of the people who benefited said: "I lived through an absolute nightmare. Every single day I was intimidated, threatened and shouted at and I reached

intimidated, threatened and shouted at and I reached the end of my tether. The anti-social behaviour team was brilliant. It wasn't a quick fix because of all the processes that needed to be gone through but I was be gone through but I was advised and supported. Thanks to their actions I am now living a normal life

again. For more information call Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345.

England fans' goal is World Cup anthem



World Cup songwriters Ken and Deb Harris with singer Jon Allen are seeking online support from England fans

SONGWRITERS Ken and Debbie Harris are hoping to represent England fans' World Cup hopes in song with one of five tunes they have entered in a contest to find an anthem tered in a conte for Brazil 2014.

The couple, from Shepherds Brook Road, Lye, are now urging Black Country people to kick-start their 2014 World Cup song bid by voting for one of their entries online.

Their song Whole Wide World is proving popular in the ratings for the

competition to find a song for Brazil 2014. The pair, both 41, write under the name of Stormforce Music and are football fans, with Ken supporting Arsenal and teaching assistant Debbie following England.

"Our latest song — Here We Go Again — should strike a chord with many England supporters," said Ken, who works in IT.

"I'm proud of this song because we believe fans can relate to it after all the years of disappointment.

"Yes, we have a lot of heartbreak res, we have a lot of neartbreak over the many years since 1966, but there is always hope. I've been an England fan all my life. The ultimate dream would be for a music publisher to come along to make it the unofficial England song." England song.

The songs were recorded at Raindance Music Studio, Stourbridge. Whole Wide World is sung by Jon Allen, from Brierley Hill.

The competition works on rankings at www.worldcupsong.com/index.htm

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IN THE age of text-speak, Twitter and whatever other means youngsters use to communicate today, teachers really have their work cut out trying to instil the importance of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

tion and grammar.
But while it probably won't ever make it onto the National Curriculum, the story about the sign outside a pub in Cornwall is a lesson for every youngster who can't be bothered with all that boring stuff.
'The Wig & Pen is open for business' is what the sign should have said. However, the sign-writer somehow got it wrong, forgetting to leave a space between the 'pen' and the 'is'. And that's the trouble.
Learning boring old rules

Learning boring old rules about sentence structure and non-phonetic spelling seems terribly boring and old-fashioned when you're 14. But ignoring it can leave you looking like a right

00000

A TABLOID report this week claimed that half a million pa-tients who received cosmetic surgery are now at risk of black-

thousands Apparently, women who had breast implant surgery, or 'boob jobs' as they are known in the trade, are now

are known in the trade, are now at risk of having their secret exposed. So to speak.

Just a thought. If your 'boob job' is so secret that nobody knows about it, well, it can't really have worked, can it?

A COUPLE of years ago, I interviewed a fellow who told me how his in-laws did not speak to one another when he first got married.

"The one side of the family was from Colley Gate, and the other was from Cradley, and for a while they didn't speak to one another because I had married a

'foreigner'," he said.
For those not familiar with this part of the world, Colley Gate and Cradley are about a mile

apart.
Times have changed, but the story illustrates the futility of trying to create a 'Greater Birming-ham city region', which has beer rearing its head again lately.

And while we're on the subject, why do public authorities persist with banging on about the 'four Black Country bor-

oughs'?
The Black Country is a loose-ly-defined concept which has been around for centuries. It is nothing to do with 1970s local government boundaries.

Government, both central and

local should stick to sorting out the economy, maintaining order and emptying the bins. And not delude itself into be-

lieving that you can change an-cient identities with a few new







The boxing hero outside the Marbles premises Ruby with Karen Jerrison from West Bromwich

A Frank message on mental illness

Two celebrities have joined together with a local charity to highlight the problems of living with mental illness

HE made his career fighting his way to the top of the box-ing world and now Frank Bruno encouraging mental illness sufferers to stop fighting their

"There is no need to struggle alone or in silence" the former heavyweight champion said during a vis-it to a Black Country mental health

charity.

He told sufferers it was time to take down their barriers and speak openly about their problems.

The retired sportsman was joined by comedian Ruby Wax at a chat show style

debate organised by Marbles, a charity which promotes good mental health and aims to de-stigmatise perceptions that surround sufferers.

It was held at the charity's second hand furniture warehouse in Great Bridge last Tuesdya, and followed by a

bridge last I testya, and nohwed by abook signing with more than 70 visitors attending to hear the stars talk about their personal struggles.

The ex-boxer, who has battled with bi-polar disorder since 2003 and has had spells in hospital, said: "bia I have it has been some about you."

had spells in hospital, said: "Since I have been open about my struggle I hope it has inspired people, not just men, to come forward and not be afraid. "Mental health problems can happen to anyone. I want to encourage people to talk about how they are feeling, don't fight it

fight it.

"There is no need to struggle alone or in silence. Men struggle with pride and stress over what people might say but that adds more pressure.

"Don't fight against your feelings, let them out. There is help available."



Frank signs boxing gloves for St George's parade fundraiser Mark Cowles

He added: "Marbles is a very good charity. I am very privileged and honoured to be invited here today and hope to help the charity more in the future."

For many years, the 52-year-old has been a champion for mental health awareness and has met with Government ministers to help get better treatment for sufferers. ment for sufferers.

ment for sufferers.

American author, comedienne and chat show host Ruby Wax told the audience how depression would overcome her 'like a tidal wave' and talked about society's belief there is a quick fix to de-

pression. She said: "Everyone wants an instant pill but you can't get a six pack by only doing one sit up.
"You wouldn't tell a diabetic to come

off their insulin so why do people think it's okay to tell someone with a mental health issue to get off the drugs or cheer up?

"It is a disease where people don't

"It is a disease where people don't know how to treat you or speak to you and because of this sufferers feel ashamed, on top of stress on top of shame and it drives you wild."

She added: "It is a real honour to be

asked here. This is how people should act about mental health, talk openly and have a support network. So many people do not have the support that this fantastic group offers."
"At first I would never have told

"At first I would never have told anyone about my mental illness, I was scared I would get fired.
"Comic Relief took a promotional picture of me and put into tube stations with the title 'One in four people have mental health problems and one in four have dandruff. – I have both'. I became the poster girl for mental health and I toured with my routine in mental health hospitals for two years."

The two celebrities were joined by

representatives from groups including Mind, Sandwell Mental Health, Time For Change and InzWork.
Kevin Robbins set up Marbles in 2005 after struggling to come to terms with his own bi-polar disorder.
He said: "The name of the charity has decorate an incret bear given by a set of the said."

He said: "The name of the charity has a deeper meaning than simply a play on the phrase 'he has lost his marbles'. "It is because inside a marble is a fine line and with mental health it doesn't take much to cross over that fine line." He added: "Hearing our two celebrities talk about their experiences will hopefully spread our key message, that there is a fine line at any one time between being well and not.

"We want people to know they can talk openly and we want to get rid of the stigma attached to mental health issues. "Not even a sporting champion or celebrity is immune from it, mental health

Not even a sporting champion or celebrity is immune from it, mental health can affect anyone at any time."

One service user, who did not wish to be named, said: "Last year I had a major mental health breakdown but the support I received from the Marbles family gave me a new charge and helped

the support received from the Marines family gave me a new chance and helped me build my confidence to be more open about my condition."

For more information on Marbles or to donate unwanted furniture or house-hold goods call 0121 525 8064 or visit www.marblessandwell.co.uk

POLITICS

THERE was a bigger scandal than the resignation of Maria Miller as Culture Secretary; the sacking of Michael Fabricant as a Conservative party vice chair-

a Conservative party vice chairman.

The always-entertaining blond bombshell that is Lichfield MP 'Mickey Fab' was dropped because he is about to lead a rebellion of Tories concerned about the route of the planned high speed rail line. But the final straw that saw him stripped of his prominent role was his re-

straw that saw nim stripped of his prominent role was his remarks about Mrs Miller.

On the day Willenhall-born Mrs Miller finally bowed to public and political pressure to go over her expenses claims, Mr Fabricant said on Twitter that it was

'about time'.

And when the party asked him if he'd stand aside for that, he stood his ground. Resignarie stood nis ground. Hesignia-tion, Fabbo says, would imply he thought he'd done something wrong. And he doesn't think he has.

His more long-term disagree-

His more long-term disagreement with his party leaders, over HS2, is not unique to the MP. Both Staffordshire County Council and Lichfield District Council are formally opposed to the line and both are controlled by the Torick. by the Tories.

The Fabricant affair is actually a far more troubling one for the Tories than the Maria Miller one. Or, at least, it ought to be. What the party effectively says

to its members, as they start campaigning for the council and European elections is this: Claim thousands of pounds more than you should have from the tax-payer for your second home and then make a 32-second perfunc-tory apology for your attitude and you'll have the full backing of your leader. But speak your mind as well as the views of the majority of the country and your constit-uents on a matter of trust and integrity in politics as well as a hudely costly and controveryou should have from the tax-

hugely costly and controver-sial piece of infrastructure and you're sacked.

Ed Miliband is still adamant that the country is in a 'cost of living crisis'. His solution is to promise to devolve £20 billion of taxpayers' money held in White-hall to city and county regions. This means eventual investment in infrastructure and skills, eventually meaning more pushing create jobs, eventually meaning more money to people have more money

spend. Meanwhile, on the way back to the office from Birmingham, where Mr Milliband made that announcement, a lady on the Midland Metro grumbled at the \$5.70 cost of her return ticket. She hadn't had the benefit of citing and listonien to Ed Milli

She hadn't had the benefit of sitting and listening to Ed Mili-band speak at length about the 'cost of living crisis' before he was chauffeured away in a Land Rover.

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to take retirement, having earned it by serv-

ing for 30 years plus.

Whilst I have the greatest respect for police officers who do a hard and often dangerous job, I fail to see that they have been ronged, and many of us in the private sec-

ONCE again I am amazed by the money being given to public sector workers, following
on from the fiasco of women cleaners being
compensated for not being paid the same as
bin men by Birmingham Council.

We now are faced with having to pay compensation to police officers who were forced
to take retirement being rearried it by serve. upon them to let them return to work but allow them to keep the monthly payments they have so far received, just returning the lump sum until they are ready to retire

R GWILLIAMS **Brierley Hill**

Move the bollards out of square

I READ with disbelief the letter from B Etheridge, I presume the UKIP representative, regarding Stone Street Square.

Anyone with proper knowledge of local politics knows that the project was the brainchild of Cyril Woodall during the last Labour administration in Dudley, when they were allowed to spend a fortune of our money.

If Labour had their way it

money.

If Labour had their way it would have been worse and would have housed the cenotaph. I was the only counotaph. I was the only councillor out of the 14 at the then Central Area Committee who voted for its placement in the corner, still marked out. They refused to second my nomination for its placement in Coronation Gardens which we in the Royal British Legion fought hard to secure

hard to secure. Stone Street should house the same amount of vehicles it always did by just pulling up the bollards encompass-ing an area used less than once a year since its disastrous introduction

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There's no dog poop problem at this park

I WOULD like to reply to the letter printed in the Dudley Chronicle, written by T Davies, of Dudley, re-

budiey Chromete, Writers by T Davies, of Dudley, regarding dogs in the park at Wall Heath.

May I say that having lived in Albion Street overlooking the park for some years, I have never once had one whiff of dog poo and neither have my neighbours when I have spoken to them regarding this matter.

I am at a loss to think how T Davies has reached this conclusion but would strongly recommend him visiting his local clinic to ensure that all is well with his sense of smell.

I look over the park very often during the day, and

often during the day, and must say that the majority of people are very respon-sible at keeping their dogs

under control and always clean up after them too.

Many lovely dogs and their owners use the park meeting up for a stroll on a daily basis, indeed it is the heart of our community here in our lovely village.

I do wonder when I read small minded comments from people, if they genuinely have nothing better to do with their time?

Perhaps T Davies should therefore stay in Dudley where he lives - or if he dare venture onto our beautiful park, try wearing a peg on his nose if that will solve his issue, as no one else seems to have a problem!

J JONES Wall Heath WHEN I was a child, walking with my brother and granddad, and we saw a granddad, and we saw a funeral approaching, they would remove their caps until it had passed by. My brother was only six and I was five, but we learnt that was the right thing to do to

for cortege

show respect.

In the last week, I have attended three funerals and I noticed the lack of respect shown to the cortege as it drives from the church to the crematorium. Drivers show no respect to the fu-neral cars, they pulled out in between the cortege and family car, thus splitting the

procession, even overtaking the procession, even overtaking the cortege.

Surely they could have shown a bit of respect for the families at such sad

I sincerely hope that when their day comes, they get shown the same respect.

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Bring back ministers to represent English regions

GEORGE Osborne contin-ues to trumpet an economic recovery from his office in London but things look very different here in Dudley. When I asked local people

When I asked local people what they thought, nine in ten told me that their finances weren't improving. Nearly half blamed this on the Government's focus on the south of the country at the expense of the Midlands.

The truth is London's got Parliament, Whitehall and its own Mayor. Scotland and Wales have First Ministers. We need someone speaking up for the West Midlands.

Last week Labour announced radical plans to make this happen. £20 billion currently spent by bureaucrats in Whitehall will be spent here in the West Midlands in towns like Dud.

Midlands in towns like Dudley instead. Regions like the West Midlands will have their own Minister to give local people a voice at the top of Government.

I know this could make a huge impact on jobs and growth in our area. I had the privilege of working as Minister for the West Midlands under the last Labour Government, working with Government, working with

Government, working with local businesses, councils, colleges and universities to bring investment and jobs to the region.

Bringing organisations together like this meant we could get hundreds of houses built on Priory Road, the Wrens Nest and in Goral It also meant we could nal. It also meant we could help local businesses and make sure local charities

THE WAY I SEE IT



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

'I don't think it's racist to worry about the effects of immigration or to say that immigration should be controlled'

got extra funds to help them through the recession.

The Government scrapped regional Ministers because they're not inter-ested in what places like

Dudley have got to say.

We need a strong local voice in Westminster now more than ever. Now is the time to bring back regional ministers.
PEOPLE often tell me

that politicians in Westminster don't care what they're got to say about immigration but I think it's an important issue and politicians should be listening.

That's why I'm pleased that Labour set out a new

position on immigration last

First, let's be clear — I don't think it's racist to worry about the effects of immigration or to say that immigration should be controlled. I think that immigration the state of the controlled is the controlled of the controlled in the controlled is the controlled of the controlled in the controlled in the controlled is the controlled in the controlle migration has brought benefits to Britain. But I think if fits to Britain. But I think if you want to live here you've got to be prepared to work hard and pay your way, and I share concerns about the impact immigration has had on people in Dudley and the Black Country.

That's why when local people told me that border controls should be stronger, I pushed for a tough Aus-

I also called for tougher citizenship and language tests, so that people moving here can play a full part in soci-

ety. Now I think there's more Now I think there's more we can do. On jobs and wages, I think we should crack down on agencies and employers hiring solely from abroad and paying less than the minimum wage. Employers should also have to ployers should also have to prove they've tried to hire locally and should train up young British apprentices for every worker that they take on from abroad.

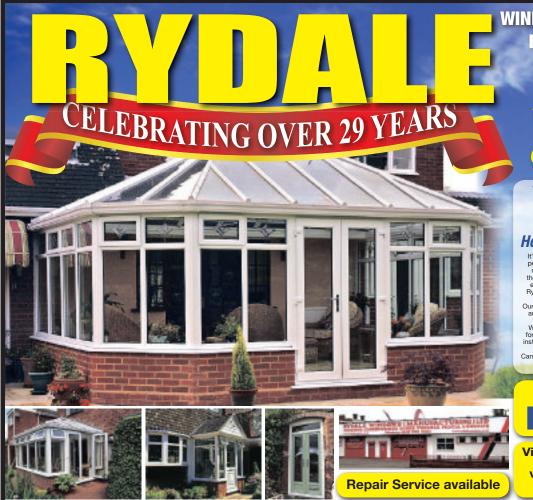
take on from abroad.

I also want tighter border controls. It's no use having tough rules if we don't have the capacity to enforce them and figures showing fewer people stopped and deported prove that Government cuts to the UKBA are a huge mistake mistake

WHEN residents living on the Northway in Sedgley contacted me with concerns about speeding on the road, our candidate Wayne Male and I took action.

Residents told me that ac-cidents were becoming more

frequent with near misses every other week. With the every other week. With the help of local campaigners, we sent a survey to hundreds of residents asking what they thought should be done. Of more than 300 responses, more than three quarters said that speeding was a serious problem. I'm now taking local residents' views to local councillors and Dudley Council to get something done.



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to kind, intelligent school-girl Elle Davidson, who had gained A* grades in her GCSEs and was bound for university at Oxford or Cambridge.

bridge.

The Kingswinford teenager was struck down by a brain condition last year which has left her confined to a wheelchair and unable to communicate. Friends and family are now trying to raise £80,000 needed for adaptions to the 17-year-old's home. At the moment she and her mother, Leah, live at a rehabilitation centre in Surrey Her father Phil has to come

Surrey. Her father Phil has to come home to the Black Country to work and is only able to join his family at the weekend. The adaptions would mean Elle could come home for the first time since she was struck down.

Collapsed

The nightmare started for Wolverhampton Girls' High School, student Elle on January 12, 2013, when she collapsed with severe head pain. Her mother took her to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital where it was originally thought she was suffering from stress and she was discharged the next day. But when the same thing happened two days later a CT scan was carried out and Elle was rushed to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Tests revealed she had a brain condition called AVM which she had been born with it but did know about until she was taken ill.

she was taken ill.

Elle had two small bleeds to the brain and operations were carried out.
She later had a stroke and two heart attacks. She needed a shunt fitted to drain brain fluid and a metal plate to replace the area of her skull which had to be removed. Tests have shown the youngster is now unable to see.



'Elle's Angels' who are aiming to raise £80,000 so Elle Davidson can come hom



'Kindest, sweetest girl' - teenager Elle before she was struck down

Family friend Louise Evans said a charity ball is being held on May 10 at the Mill Hotel, Alveley, near Bridgnorth, to help raise money for the home adaptions. Tickets are £40 including a three-course meal, live band, DJ and auction. Call Lloyd Sut-ton on 07770836008 for tickets.

sweetest girl you could meet. She was

the top in all her subjects and had awards for being the best pupil. "We are trying to secure the money needed for these adaptions so Elle can come home and be with her whole family."

ton on 07770836008 for tickets.

Louise said: "What happened to Elle was tragic. She was the kindest, help with the work.

An appeal has also gone out to any tradesmen who would be willing to help with the work.



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Family's sad farewell to bus tragedy victim, 69

ther, you will be badly missed by everyone' - the tearful last words to a pensioner from

his devastated family.
Grandfather Michael Wilkinson, aged 69, was struck by a bus while walking across a road in Dudley town

rentre.

He was hit by the single-decker as he crossed King Street to meet his son Stuart after parking his car in Flood Street on March 24 at 1.15pm. He was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham but died the following

Tribute

He leaves behind widow Ann and children Stuart and Tracy. They spoke of his final moments and paid tribute to the 'kind and hardworking family

man'. As his father lay unconscious in hospital, Stuart, a 44-year-old amusement shop worker, stayed by his side and prayed he would wake up.

"I went back home to get some medication and then returned at 8.30am and was told the life-support machine would be turned off.

"My mother, sister and me sat around him and told him 'you were an amazing father, you will be badly missed by everyone' as we heard the heart monitor beeps die out. It was very, very sad."

Mr Wilkinson was a machine operative at Ewarts in Birmingham Road

ative at Ewarts in Birmingham Road for 20 years, where he met his future wife Ann. The pair married at St John's Church in Dudley and moved to St Georges Road.

After Stuart and Tracy were born, the couple moved to Hollyhock Road



before finally settling in Highfield

Road, Kates Hill.

Mr Wilkinson later worked at O-I Europe on Corngreaves Trading Estate, Cradley, for 12 years, along with his brother Clive. In retirement, Mr Wilkinson enjoyed gardening and holi-daying in Devon with his wife.

Grandfather Michael Wilkinson - a road safety petition has started after his death He had become a grandfather just

two weeks before his death when Stuart's partner Kelly, aged 25, gave birth to Darcie

Following Mr Wilkinson's death, a petition has started calling for a safer road layout at King Street.

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A young-at-heart 75-year-old, she oozes charisma and charm, still goes to the gym "when she needs to shed a few pounds" and is the life and soul of the party at her local Young At Heart Club where she is a volunteer worker.

It's hard to imagine that his retired assembly worker could ever knocked back. But failing teeth "became an embarrassment,"

she recalls. Recently she was fitted with implant-retained dentures, inspired by a newspaper article on Steven Burchell's work at the

the says: "You don't realise how having bad teeth can affect the says: "You don't realise how having bad teeth can affect the says." She says: you until you have treatment like this and you get the confidence back. The whole shape of my mouth has changed. I could not have wished for better treatment. My care was first class and Steven

tion solution s this the answer for yo

A CUTTING-EDGE development to help res stability problems faced by thousands of denture wearers is being offered by the Denture Clinic. Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC108353, who

heads the teams at his North Street practice in Dudley, and other clinics across the region, says the invention has the potential to resolve all-too-common denture

stability issues.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the prescription. A clever diaphragm principle, triggered by bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic

Steven, whose clinics attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a frightening pace.

"In recent times we have seen, what I can describe only as strident steps forward, with implant-retained over-dentures, 'teeth-in-a-day' implant procedures and suction solution dentures, all coming into main-stream dentistry.

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solutions have never been so appealing "Implant dentistry as a resolve for stabilisation issues

The Ultra Suction system is available for both top and lower dentures, enables the construction of a plateless top denture and can be successfully used in reline work

is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference, but the Ultra Suction prosthetics offer yet another possibility.

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qualities without the invasive clinical procedures required for implant work. We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another 'tool 'in our commitment to ever-try to deliver

results which are greater than patient expectations. "Lower dentures can often be troublesome as stability is compromised by shrinking gums and bone erosion - it's all part of the ageing process. Ill-fitting dentures create painful friction problems on gums and not least, be a source of compromised chewing and embarrassment.

Reduction

Steven adds: "The device can be mounted on upper or lower teeth and because of its efficiency allows us to consider a reduction in the size of the acrylic 'plate' which can result in improved speech and taste."

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gious Studies as well as a Music Technology Certificate.

Hair and Beauty courses are getting a make-over with the introduction of a Barbering Certificate, Creative Beauty Consultancy Diploma Level 2, Hair & Media Make-up Diploma Level 2 and Hairdressing for Colouring Technicians Diploma Level 2.

Mukesh Kumar, Executive Director for Curriculum at Birmingham Metropolitan College, said: "Our aim, as well as improving facilities and investing in our campuses in this area, is to radically improve the choice of courses available for school leavers and adult learners. As well as boosting our A Level offer, we've also introduced new vocational courses across a wide speccational courses across a wide spectrum of areas which complements our existing offer."

Approval

In the Black Country, other new courses include AAT Accounting, Applied Science, Cisco Networking Academy Extended, Entrance to Construction, Law & Criminology Access to Higher Education, Motorcycle Repair, Outdoor Adventurer, Performing Engineering Operations, Plumbing, Vocational Studies and a new Motorcycle Apprenticeship

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BUILDING FUTURES
The £5million investment in refurbishing facilities at the Stourbridge
Campus is now underway with the
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ence and apprenticeship opportunities for local students.

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John Starmer, Executive Director of John Starmer, Executive Director of Estates at Birmingham Metropolitan College, said: "Our £5m investment in new facilities for students and staff at the Stourbridge Campus on Hagley Road is exciting news for Stourbridge.

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A picture of the Stourbridge Campus redevelopment reception Interior



Black Country to celebrate at parade

FLAGS will fly proudly as crowds parade through the Black Country's streets at events organised to mark St George's Day.

One of the country's biggest parades, which attracts a bumper crowd, will take place in West Bromwich on Sunday. Now in its 16th year, the pa-rade will start at 10.45am from Westminster Road in Stone Cross at the

minster road in Stone Cross at the junction with Marsh Lane.
It will wind its way through the streets before finishing at Dartmouth Park, where a free family fun day will be held from 12-6pm featuring displays, fairground rides

Other venues in Sandwell will also be hosting celebrations in honour of St George.

youngsters can make a shield or a dragon from 11am -12.30pm on the day itself, April

Medieval

Medieval

The historic Manor House Museum, in West Bromwich, will hold a medieval themed day on Saturday from 11am to 3pm. Celebrations are also being held in Brierley Hill town centre, on April 26 from 10.30am to 3pm. Patriotic music and dancing will be on offer, as well as a Great Brierley Hill Bake-Off contest, craft activities and storytelling in the library. There will be facepainting, crafts and children's rides for younger visitors in the Moor Centre. Culture boss Councillor Tracy Wood said: "Wwe hope that people from all communi-

"Wwe hope that people from all communi-ties join us in celebrating the day."

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Life-saver — a defibrillator for use in emergencies is presented to students and staff at the ACE Academy in Tipton

LIFE-SAVING defibrillator has been presented to a school following the death of a rugby player during a match in Worcestershire.

ACE Academy in Tipton was given the equipment, to help peo-

ple having a heart attack, as part of a national campaign.

The move followed the death of 15-year-old Luke Chapman, who col-lapsed while playing for Hagley's Hay-bridge High School at Kidderminster Baxter College in March last year.

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It later emerged he died from Sudden Adult Death Syndrome.
Richard Rainbird-Hitchins, pupil co-ordinator at the 1,400 pupil school, said: "After hearing about Luke, we wanted to make sure that if we ever had the same situation at the school, we had the equipment in place to try and save a life."

Luke, of Meadowcroft, Hagley, was playing for his school when he died on March 20.

March 20.

He also played youth rugby at Old Halesonians Rugby Club. The club now has defibrillators and a first aider at home and away matches.

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Minister in probe call **No U-turn** on council policy to after police lose bomb seize horses A CONTROVERSIAL policy of seizing roaming horses from public land in the Black Country will continue for the next two years, a council boss has pledged. Sandwell Council has appointed a new company to tackle the long-running problem, with the contract running until March 2016. The authority has come in for criticism for its policy on seizing roaming and tethered horses, which was launched three years ago. Critics say it runs against a Black Country tradition which is particularly strong in Tipton.

THE LOSS of an explosive device suspected of being used in the 1974 Birmingham pub bombings

must be 'carefully investigated'.

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
Theresa Villiers said the revelation that West Midlands Police had lost 35 pieces of

west Midlands Police had lost 35 pieces of evidence, including a bomb, was an 'operational' matter.

During a visit to the West Midlands, she said: "This needs to be carefully investigated to find out how the loss occurred. It's an operational matter for the police rather than me as a minister."

Distress

Asked for her views on a West Midlands Asked for her views on a West Midlands Police decision not to hold a new inquiry into the bombings 40 years on, Mrs Villiers said: "The pain and distress for the loved ones of people who died is still very real but this is a matter entirely for the police to decid."

Bombs exploded at the Mulberry Bush and Tavern in the Town pubs in Birmingham in November 1974. Twenty-one people in November 1974. ple died and 182 were injured. The so-called Birmingham Six were jailed in 1975 but their convictions were quashed in 1991. The discredited West Midlands Serious Crime Squad – later disbanded – was accrime Squau – later displanded – was ac-cused of mishandling the case. No-one from the squad was prosecuted. West Midlands Police has ruled out a new inquiry because it has no new evidence. A third bomb, found in Edgbaston, was

Å third bomb, found in Edgbaston, was disabled with a controlled explosion at 5am on the day after the pub bombings. It was later accidentally 'disposed of'. Fingerprints nor further evidence of significance were discovered when the remains of the device were examined but it could have now been tested with new technology.

West Midlands chief constable Chris Sims said it was 'very unfortunate' that the bomb had gone missing but added that the force would 'dearly love to unlock this mystery and bring people to justice but we have

tery and bring people to justice but we have found no new evidence.'

Loyal worker is a cut above



Andrew McIntyre celebrates 25 years service with his colleagues

HE joined to earn some 'much-needed cash' and, 25 years on, Andrew McIntyle is still cutting mesh for

the same family firm.

The 47-year-old can remember his first day at R&J Mesh in Brierms urst day at R&J Mesh in Brierley Hill and admits 'time has flown by'.

Experience

He has been praised by managing director Matthew Harris, who said: "Andrew has been a great worker. He rarely takes a day off and has The company was started up in 1978 by Mr Harris' father John and friend Roy Baugh.

The firm brings in metal mesh from Sheffield before cutting it up and selling it locally. It has nine

Mr McIntyre is pictured celebrating 25 years service with his colleagues at the Brierley Hill business, from left, Jeff Hill, Kevin Stokes, Les Whitehouse, Paul Faulkner and Managing Director Matthew Harris.

will need to be taken away."
Horse owners have previously threatened legal action and took to the streets, disrupting traffic with horse-drawn carts and car-

horse-drawn carts and car-avan. However, Sandwell Council has stood by the pol-icy, saying the horses pose a danger.
Sandwell's problem is one of the biggest in the Black Country but the problem also affects parts of Dudley.

which is particularly strong in Tipton.

The latest move comes after six roaming horses were reported on open land known locally as The Carolan colling this reach

Cracker earlier this week. Councillor Ian Jones, the

Councillor Ian Jones, the borough's jobs and economy boss, said: "We are asking all our horse owners to be responsible. Roaming horses are not acceptable at all and they will be seized. "We will be mindful of the welfare of the animals but they are dangerous while they are reaming, so they

they are roaming, so they will need to be taken away."

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Hair to historic family business finally cuts ties after 50 years

sides, a barbers shop with proud roots in the Black Country has been styling menfolk for more than 100 years.

But Harris Hairdressers in West Bromwich has delivered its last cut as the shop has now closed down, with the retirement of its boss after his own

the retirement of its boss after his own 50 years in the trade.

Dave Harris is the third generation of his family to cut hair in the Sandwell borough following on from his father and grandfather before him. And during that time they have styled generations of boys and men.

He has been at the business since 1964 and the 65-year-old has now decided the

and the 65-year-old has now decided the time has come to retire.

"I have been cutting hair here since I left school aged 15 and I have seen this area of West Bromwich change a lot over the years and I have had a lot of customers come and go," he said. Dave took on the shop from

MEMORY LANE By Tom Mason

his father, Rees Harris, who opened up the barber's in Stone Cross in 1956. The founder of the business, Dave's grandfather, Major Harris, decided to set up business in the Black Country in 1900 and opened the family's original salon in St Michael's Street Michael's Street.

He continued to work out of the shop until his death in 1942. During this time he had three sons Des, Bill and Rees, who were all taught to cut hair and drafted into the

all taught to cut hair and drafted into the family business from school aged 14.
During the Second World War Dave's father joined up to fight with the South Staffordshire Regiment, before eventually being re-assigned to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.
Dave said: "He never spoke about his time in the war. He would always just ask why we would want to know about that. He

taught me everything I know and he was taught by his dad before that."

After the war he spent some time in Edinburgh before finally returning home and returning to his father's shop in central West Bromwich.

Soon after he returned, the three Harris brotherest treather and began a hair

brothers got together and began a hair-dressing empire in the borough, eventually opening three shops in West Bromwich, in-cluding the current shop in Beverley Road, where Dave and his father have spent the

where Dave and his father have spent the last five decades working in.

His father continued to work in the shop well into his 70's. He died at the age of 85 in 2004. And although the barbers has shut for the last time, Dave hopes to keep cutting hair part-time and has set up a mobile service for his oldest and loyalist customers. The great-grandfather-of-two said: "There is a lot more competition these days and business isn't quite what it used to be and I felt it was time to close up the shop and

"It's weird I have seen hairstyles come

styles that I did when I first started.

seyies unat 1 did when I first started.
"Lots of kids come in asking for quiffs, I really enjoy doing the older styles. I've loved every day working here, I will miss coming in," said Dave, who lives in Stourport.

His family have joined in his retirement celebrations, presenting him with a cake and champagne at the salon

celebrations, presenting him with a cake and champagne at the salon.

He said: "I really didn't expect to be surprised by family like that. I had only just started sweeping up when they burst in with cake and champagne."

His wife Margaret said: "He isn't a very showy person, so he's been so surprised by everything."

His son-in-law Neil Beddard, 53, used to have his hair cut at the salon when he was

have his hair cut at the salon when he was a youngster.
"As a child I used to come here and get

my hair cut.
"All my sons and my grandson have had their hair cut by Dave, he always does a good job and he is so well known locally. I'm sure he will be missed."

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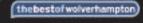
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Volunteers are needed to to embark on canal duty



Keeper of tradition — volunteer Graham Pugh, of Wombourne, on duty at the Delph Locks, Brierley Hill

ENSURING boats pass smoothly along waterways and sharing the history of canals is all in a day's work for dedicated volunteers who

look after local locks.
Officials from the Canal and River
Trust are now looking for more people to take on the role at sites across
the Black Country, Staffordshire and
Worrestershire Worcestershire.

Volunteers are needed at the Bratch Locks in Wombourne, Dudley's Delph Locks and Stourport Locks.

One volunteer is encouraging others to sign up and help saying it is a hugely rewarding role with a number of important responsibilities.
Graham Pugh, 61, of Wombourne,

Granam Pugn, 61, of Wombourne, has been volunteering at the Bratch Locks for two years.

He said the main responsibilities of a lock keeper was meeting and greeting boat users and walkers on the locks and answering any questions they may have

And while it is the responsibility of boat owners to get themselves through the locks, keepers also assist when

At busier times they also take on a more supervisory role to ensure boats smoothly pass through the locks. It is a far cry from the responsibilities of lock keepers in the past when they were expected to defend against river pirates and toll thieves.

Mr Pugh said: "I have enjoyed hikes for more than 30 years and have walked along the canal towpaths in the area. I have always been interested in area. I have always been interested in

the Bratch Locks."

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Bear facts about teddy collection

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CHAIRMAN Sheila Evans welcomed all member, two visitors and speaker David Chatterly, to the April 3

Chatterly, to the April 3
meeting.
The business agenda was
read, approved and signed.
Thank you messages were
read out from Val, Nadine

and Iris, who are recovering from illness.

from illness.
Arrangements for the trip
to Ros Labels Fashion Outlet and then on to Symonds
Yat Leisure Park in Herefordshire have been finalised and it will take place on
Sentember 11.

September 11.
David Chatterly introduced himself as an arctophile, a collector of teddy

ears. He gave a comprehensive history of these toys emphasising the changing characteristics, material from mohair to nylon, sawdust stuffing to kapok, static to moving limbs, wooden eyes to glass and differing facial expressions.

He demonstrated these

Expressions.

He demonstrated these changes by showing several bears from his large collection. They included Steiff, Chad Valley, Merry Thought and Pixie Toys which were made in Stourbridge.

The final teddy bear was about two inches long, and lived in a brass tin case also containing a union flag and buttons. These were made in 1914 and given by wives and sweethearts to their men going to war.

Sylvia Fletcher gave the vote of thanks and two ladies won a raffle prize.

Guided tour follows handover of cheque



Guild members with Sue Beesley and Amanda Cox at Acorns Hospice

THREE members from Great Wyrley TG visited Acorns Hospice in Walsall to present a cheque for £200. The money had been collected by the guild in donations in lieu of Christmas Cards.

The ladies were given refreshments and a guided tour of the centre by community **GREAT WYRLEY TG**

team worker Sue Beesley and then were introduced to Amanda Cox who is a fundraising administrator. Bette Webb, chairman of the TG then presented the cheque

Members are given food for thought with an A-Z of trivia

ON March 27, 18 members of WCTWG attended the Federation South Staffs Branch Annual Dinner at the Masonic Hall, Aldridge. CTWG's 18 ladies proved

CTWG's 18 ladies proved to be the highest representa-tion, percentage wise, of all branches attending.

The chairman of the South Staffs Federation, Pat White, a member of WCTWG, chaired the evening and announced that an invitation had been

WALSALL CENTRAL

sent to Sue Smith, the for-mer national chairman, who was unable to attend as she was actually at Buckingham Palace receiving an OBE for her services to TWG.

Following the meal great entertainment was provided by comedian Doug Parker.

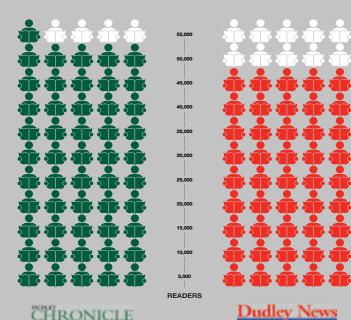
Chairman Pat Jones opened the April 1 meeting and following business mat-

ters, introduced the speaker ters, introduced the speaker for the evening, Jane Phil-lips. Jane is presently teaching a modern form of home economics, including cooking, at Queen Mary's Grammar School for Boys.

Grammar School for Boys.

Jean's subject was A-Z of food trivia and among the many facts learned was the origin of the simple sandwich, the anti-bacterial qualities of honey and that teabags are not available to buy in Japan.

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Sandwell finished top of the class after

Sandwell finished top of the class after figures from the eabinet office showed that 81 per cent of Ofsted inspected schools in the borough last year were rated as good or outstanding. The national average is 80 per cent. Dudley had 70 per cent, Walsall and Wolverhampton both 66 per cent. Dudley children's services boss Councillor Tim Crumpton said: "Approximately 75 per cent of our schools have been inspected as being good or outstanding. We are working with all of our schools to achieve our ambition of every school in the borough being a good school."

M6 misery comes to an end Flying the flag for the Black Country with fourth lane opening

torists are ending with the opening up of four lanes on a busy stretch of the M6 motorway is finally complet-

Work has been ongoing to open up a fourth lane between junctions five and eight as part of a £126 million scheme.

The hard shoulder will now be open at peak times in the mornings and evenings in a bid to

ease congestion.

Speed restrictions of 50mph have been in place

on one of the busiest stretches of motorway in

the West Midlands. The motorway's three lanes were also narrowed during the work.

The Highways Agency has undertaken the project, which began in June 2012 between junction five for Castle Bromwich and eight for the M5 link at West Bromwich.

Two months ago the 50mph restrictions were lifted between junctions eight and six for Spaghetti Junction, leading to a trial period during which the hard shoulder was opened to traffic during off-peak hours.

five and six will also be fully operational.

Overhead speed limit signs are dotted along the 10-mile stretch, with motorists often kept at speeds between 40mph and 60mph when queues are controlled by staffs at the Highways Agency

regional control centre in Quinton.

Work is continuing further north on the M6 where 50mph speed restrictions are in place between junctions 10A, for the M54, and 13 for Eccleshall as the hard shoulder is again opened up. The work is expected to be completed by spring

MERCHANDISE including flags and T-shirts is being produced to raise funds for the Black Country Day festival.

Not-for-profit organisation Black Country Festival Events is also selling mugs, key rings and stickers to build funds for the celebrations. Its treasurer Steve Edwards, who also runs The Only Way is Dudley Facebook page, said all the merchandise bore the new

page, said ait the merchandise nore the new Black Country flag.

"All the profits will go back in to helping put on events on Black Country Day itself – July 14 – and throughout July," said Steve. Black Country merchandise can be bought through website www.blackcountryfestivalevents.co.uk and among the events is a cel-ebration in Stone Street Square in Dudley

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Council is saying 'let there be light'



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A GRADE II listed church will be lit up at night under new plans to showcase a town's heritage. Dudley Council wants to install lighting outside St Ed-

mund King and Martyr Church in Castle Street.

It the first stage of a scheme to brighten up a series of buildings in the town centre.

The church illuminations will cost the council 45p a

The church illuminations will cost the council 45p a night, if approved by planning officers.

John Millar, director at Dudley Council, said: "The idea is to use energy-efficient LED lights to highlight some of the most attractive buildings in the town centre.

"We hope that this project will encourage people to recognise and feel proud of Dudley's heritage, while encouraging a town centre night culture and economy."

The initiative is part of the council's £6.7m regeneration project to breathe new life into Dudley town centre.

The first phase will cover Castle Street from the Earl of Dudley statue to the junction of New Street. The Earl of Dudley statue will be reset within a raised lawn. Contractors will then move onto phase two, the market place itself.

Snooker club is to go under hammer

A SNOOKER club is going up for auction. The Golden Cue Snooker Club, in Station Road, Rowley Regis, complete with 16 full sized tables, has a guide price of £295,000 in the CP Bigwood auction

It is being held in the Holte Suite at Villa Park on May 1 from 11am.

Hagley properties with potential for housing development are in the auction. They are Strathearn on Western Road and nearby Rose Cottage and Thicknall Cottage. Strathearn, with a guide price of £900,000 to £1 million-comprises a substantial six bedroom, four reception room, detached house on a site of about one acre. It is thought up to 10 homes could be accommodated as part of a wider scheme for which outline planning permission has been granted.

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The former Five Ways pub in High Street, Cradley Heath, converted into a shop and flats, is also among lots.

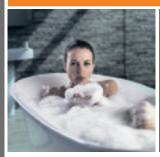


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Day 1: On the first day we drive down to Weymouth (or sometimes Poole) in Dorset to board the Condor ferry to Jersey. Here you part company with the GBTours' coach as coaches from the mainland aren't allowed on the Island. Once we arrive at Jersey Port our group will be met by Waveley Coaches of Jersey who will transfer us to our hotel in St. Clement. Settle-into your ensuite room and look forward to dinner later.

Day 2: After breakfast, we've arranged a lovely day out for you by coach from the hotel. Waverley coaches will collect our party at 10am and take you on a 'round the Island' tour and return to our hotel around 1:30pm.

Days 3 & 4: 2 days are left so you can spend your time on Jersey as you wish. Relax in the hotel grounds, soak up the Sun around the outdoor Pool or on the beach opposite the hotel.

Day 5: After a last, hearty breakfast - it's time to go home.

Waverley coaches will transfer you to the Condor ferry terminal for our sailing back to the mainland. When you arrive back in Weymouth (or Poole) the GBTours coach will take you home.

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Coach departs: Monday 12th May £229

DAY 1. A leaving vine down to Devon - arriving at the hotel late afternoon with time to settler he force drone.

DAY 2. After hexalds we have a trip to the pretty village of Appledore and then on to the market town of Barnstaple, where there's time to browse the historic Pararier Market for Devon specialities.

DAY 3. Full day out - into Exmoor National Park stopping at the twin villages of Upton and Lymount. Lynton is a bright airly Victorian village located on the headland overlooking the Ocean while Lymounth is a pretty harbour that nestles quietly beneath the diffs. A unique water operated driff railway dating back to 1930 joins the village of Lymount not it is sister village of Lymounth, 500th below. The railway is a listed monument and is one of the area's most popular fourist attractions. A return ticket is included so you can visit both pretty places and enjoy a fabulous view in-between

wew in-between.

DAY 4: We thought we'd let you get your breath back today - perhaps you'd like
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DAY 5: travelling home, with a suitable comfort/meal stop on the way back.

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Day 2: Enjoy a hearty breakfast (or there's plenty of lighter options too). After breakfast we leave our hotel and make our way to The Trafford Centre where you'll have plenty of time to look around the shops and have lunch. We leave around 3pm and head for home.

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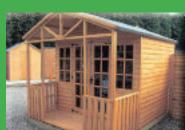


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What's On!

Bunnymen gig and new album

INFLUENTIAL Liver-INFLUENTIAL Liver-pudlian band Echo & The Bunnymen are coming to Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on May 11, just before they release their 12th al-bum, Meteorites, their first in five veen

in five years.

The new album from the creators of The Cutter, the creators of The Cutter, Lips Like Sugar and The Killing Moon is out on May 26. The album has been produced by Killing Joke's Youth and single Lovers On The Run is released on the same day. The songs have been written by front-man Ian McCulloch and

the band features original guitarist Will Sergeant. Acclaimed for classic 1984 album Ocean Rain, The Bunnymen were a major influence on Brit-pop bands and Coldplay.

OMG! Shows for the youngsters

WITH the Easter holidays in full swing there are several shows around aimed at the youngsters. Biggest will be the free pop concert OMG at the LG Arena on Thursday, April 24, featuring Lawson and Union Jamong others. Check www. omglive.co.uk to see if tickets are still available.

ets are still available.

In space no one can hear you laugh but that doesn't stop The Chuckle Brothers going on a 2014 Space Oddity for two shows at the Grand this Saturday. Jacqueline Wilson's Victorian adventure Hetty Feather is staged at Birmingham Town Hall from Tuesday to Sunday, April 22-27.

Dancing in the streets and venues at month-long festival

Нарру Days are here again

HAPPY Days are here again for fans of the rock 'n' roll era US sit-com that introduced the world to the king of cool... The Fonze.

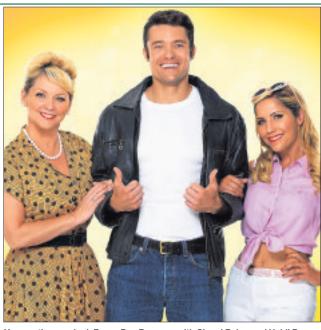
king of cool... The Fonze.

A musical based on the hit TV series, that first aired 40 years ago, is coming to Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday, April 22-26, after a run in London. Wearing the iconic leather jacket as Arthur Fonzarelli, a role made famous by Henry Winkler, is Emmerdale's Ben Freeman. Mrs Cunningham is played by Cheryl Baker, of Eurovision favourites Bucks Fizz, sion favourites Bucks Fizz. with Sugababe Heidi Range as Pinky Tuscadero.

As well as the memorable

As well as the memorable theme song, Happy Days A New Musical features 21 songs from Bugsy Malone songwriter Paul Williams. The story about a campaign to save Arnold's Diner was penned by the TV show's creator Garry Marshall.

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Heyyy... the new-look Fonze Ben Freeman with Cheryl Baker and Heidi Range

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THE Second City becomes first city of dance during the month-long International Dance Festival Birmingham 2014 from April 24.

The city hosts dance companies at various venues, and in the streets, with many events at Birmingham Hippodrome

Ballet presenting a programme at the Crescent Theatre including world premiere works by Kit Holder and Al-

works by Kit Holder and Alexander Whitley.
One of the biggest names will be sensational French dancer Sylvie Guillem with her only UK dates for 6000

Miles Away at the Hippodrome on May 6 and 7.
Other highlights at the Hurst Street theatre include Swiss company Alias with Sideways Rain (April 29-30); Canadian choreog-rapher Crystal Pite's Kidd Pivot company presenting

Pivot company presenting Shakespeare-inspired Tempest Replica (May 2-3); Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui's collaboration with tango dancers in Milonga (May 23-24).
Dancers from the West Midlands will be involved when Matthew Bourne's New Adventures bring their vision of Lord Of The Flies from May 14 to 17.
Breakdancers and hip hop music takes over when the Breakin' Convention is held on May 20 and 21.
Cas Public from Quebec

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and DanceXchange's studio space The Patrick Centre.

The festival opens on Thursday with Birmingham Royal

Symphony Hall's Concert Danse

dra choir for Concert Danse dra choir for Concert Danse at the Symphony Hall on May 2. Rising star of South Asian dance Aakash Odedro is in Murmur & Inked (May 6-7) at the Patrick Centre. Acrobatic Canadians Les 7 Doights De La Main bring Sequence 8 (May 8-10) to Birmingham Rep. One of the free highlights will be in Centenary Souare

will be in Centenary Square at 3.30pm on May 10 when Maori performers lead a mass Haka war dance.

For details see www.idfb. co uk website

Reckless rocker and Rea on road

TWO of the biggest names from the '80s music scene are back on the road and coming to Birmingham for arena shows.

arena shows.

Canadian rocker Bryan
Adams will mark the 30th
anniversary of his multi-million selling Reckless
album with a concert at
the LG Arena on Wednesday, November 19. The
Reckless album included
the huge hits Run To You
and Summer of '69.
Singer-songwriter Chris
Rea, who has moved more
into jazz in recent years,

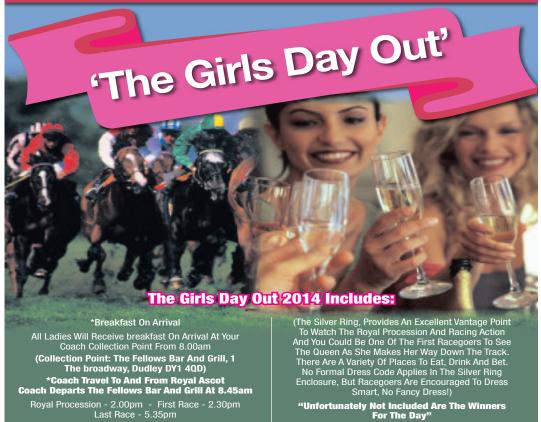
nea, who has moved more into jazz in recent years, brings his Last Open Road Tour to the NIA on Sunday, December 14. The maker of such hits as On The Beach, Fool (If You Think It's Over) and Let's Dance has a new album due out in September.

Hanging on for music nostalgia

music nostalgia
THERE is plenty of musical nostalgia around for
the 1950s, '60s and '70s.
Tribute to Frankie Valli
& The Four Seasons, Let's
Hang On, is at Birmingham Town Hall tonight
(Thursday), and That'll
Be The Day revives hits
from the rock 'n' roll era
at Wolverhampton Grand
tomorrow.
T Rextasy brings Bolan
boogie to the Robin 2
in Bilston on Saturday,
whilst a musical dedicated
to T Rex, 20th Century
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on April 28, before coming to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre in June

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CHOICE

Pop Goes BBC Two (BBC2, 10.30pm)

Just because BBC Two is celebrating its 50th birthday this weekend, doesn't mean it isn't still down with the kids. In fact, as this one-off special reminds us, the channel has always been at the cutting edge when it comes to music – while BBC One was bringing us Top of the Pops, BBC Two was home to live performances and album tracks on the Old Grey Whistle Test. This programme looks at 50 of the most iconic moments to emerge from the channel's musical output, from John Lennon reciting poetry with Dudley Moore on Not Only But Also, to Beyonce headlining at Glastonbury in 2011, Other highlights include Joy Division's final TV performance, and the Stone Roses being hit with a mid-song power shortage on

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) 12.00 Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Formula 1 – Chinese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. 2.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The afternoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffled. 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 Film: Shrek Forever After. (2010) Animated comedy, with the voice of Mike Myers.

- Myers. **6.40 BBC News**; Regional News;
- 7.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a medical-themed edition, teaturing past and present Casualty and Holby City stars Sunetra Sarker, Paul Bradley, lan Kelsey and Ian Bleasdale, as well as Duncan Preston and Nichola McAuliffe, from 1990s sitcom Surgical Spirit. They are joined by George Layton, who appeared in the 1969 Doctor in the House and its sequels, and a woman who itis sequels, and a woman who really does know a thing or two about medicine – The One Show's resident GP Dr Sarah Jarvis.
 Who'll be best when it comes to being worst?
- being worst?
 7.50 The National Lottery: In it to Win
 It. Dale Winton presents the quiz
 show in which five contestants pit
 their wits to scoop a big cash
 prize. Includes the Lotto and
 Thunderball draws, with Kate
 Garave
- 8.40 Casualty. Fletch attempts to build bridges between a feuding father and son following a car crash. Cal tries to impress Lily, and Jeff agrees to cover for Ash's daughter, Elia.
- Ella.
 The Guess List. Julian Clary,
 Melanie C, Larry Lamb, Deborah
 Meaden and David Haye help
 contestants answer all sorts of
 everyday questions. Game show,
 hosted by Rob Brydon.
- 10 10 BBC News: Weather
- 10.10 BBC News; Weatner.

 10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Chelsea v Sunderland at Stamford Bridge and Tottenham Hotspur v Fulham: National Lottery Update
- 11.50 The Football League Show.
 Manish Bhasin presents highlights
 and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Tw.
- 1.10 Weatherview. 1.15 BBC News

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.10 Film: Sword of Sherwood Forest. (1960) 7.30 Great British Menu. (R) 8.00 Great British Menu. (R) 8.30 Great British Menu. (R) 9.30 Great British Menu. (R) 9.30 Great British Menu. (R) 9.30 Great British Menu. (R) 10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. 12.00 The Great British Bake Off Easter Masterclass. (R) 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage of the opening session on day one. 2.30 Film: Henry Vill and His Six Wives. (1972) Historical drama, starring Keith Michell. 4.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The aftermoon session on day one at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. 5.45 Easter from King's.

- 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the concluding session on the concluding session on the opening day of the anxiety to unrament af the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where Ronnie O'Sullivan and Ali Carter are the seeds in first-round action. The Rocket has won the title for the past two years and his match is the first to reach a conclusion, with the first to peach a conclusion, with the first player to reach 10 frames progressing to the second round. Carter gets his fixture under way against a qualifier, and he has pedigree here having twice reached the final, only to lose to O'Sullivan on both occasions. Presented by Jason Mohammad, with commentary by Ken Doherty, with commentary by Ken Doherty, with commentary by Ken Doherty, Willie Thorne and Stephen Hendry
- While Inorne and Stephen remary.

 8.00 University Challenge: The Story So Far. Documentary charting the history of the student quiz show. With contributions by former contestants including Stephen Fry, and hosts Bamber Gascoigne and Jeremy Paxman. (R)
- 9.00 University Challenge: Champion of Champions. Magdalen College Oxford, takes on Manchester in this special edition of the student quiz, with each institution having won the series title four times during the show's history.
- 9.30 Messiah at the Foundling
 Hospital. Amanda Vickery and Tom
 Service present a docu-drama
 telling the story of the performance
 of Handle's Messiah at London's
 Foundling Hospital in 1750.

 10.30 Pop Goes BBC Two. Exploration of
 popular music since 1964 through
 a selection of 50 moments from
 BBC Two. 9.30 Messiah at the Foundling
- 12.00 Snooker: The World Championship. 12.50 Snooker: World Championship Extra. 2.55 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV- Dino Dan. 6.10 Dino Dan. (R)
6.25 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 6.50
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10.30 Dinner Date. (R) 11.30 IT News,
Weather. 11.40 The Crocodile Hunter
Dlarles. (R) 12.10 Film: Never Say Never
Again. (1983) James Bond adventure,
starring Sean Connery. 2.40 Film: Harry
Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.
(2002) Fantasy adventure sequel,
starring Daniel Radcliffe. 5.35 Regional
Programme; Weather.5.45 ITV News;
Weather.

- 6.00 You've Been Framed! & Famous. You've Been Framed! & Famous. Harry Hill narrates a selection of comical mishaps filmed by viewers on their webcams, mobile phones and camcorders, featuring a range of celebrity lookalikes, as Simon Cowell takes to the trampoline, kate Middleton unveils her new workout routine and Ryan Gigos struggles to atone for his mistakes. (a)
- 7.00 Britain's Got Talent. The annual Britain's Got Talent. The annual search for a star continues as more auditionees try to win over Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon with their talents. The acts all have their eyes on the prize of £250,000 and a slot at this year's Royal Variety Performance, but first they rest services a please it hat they wants secure a place in the live semi-finals. Will any of them be good enough for the judges' new golden buzzers? Ant and Dec host.
- host.

 8.20 Amazing Greys. Three young contenders take on the Amazing Greys, who include former Greys, who include former Wimbledon finalist Christine Truman and Mastermind winner Liz Horrocks. Paddy McGuinness and Angela Rippon host.

 9.20 Law & Order: UK. A bloodspatch of the Monday Spatian Spatian
- 9.20 Law & Order: UK. A blood-stattered hotel room and a stolen credit card lead detectives Ronnie and Joe to a privileged young woman whose newborn baby has gone missing. (R)

 10.15 The Americans. Elizabeth must work with Nicaraguan spy Lucia to gain access to a congressman's office, while Oleg meets Stan in an isolated warehouse and gives him an ultimatum.
- an ultimatum.
- 11.15 ITV News: Weather

11.30 Through the Keyhole. Catherine Tyldesley and Terry Wogan join Dave Berry on the panel. (R) 12.25 Jackport247 . 3.00 Dinner Date: Australia. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Trans World Sport. 7.30 FIM Superbike World Championship. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 9.55 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 10.55 How I Met Your Mother. 11.20 How I Met Your Mother. 11.20 How I Met Your Mother. 11.20 Fingsons. (R) 12.45 Marvel's Agents OSHIELD. (R) 1.40 Chamel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park and Kempton Park. 4.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.40 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.10 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.16 Come Dine With Me. (R) 6.17 Come Dine With Me. (R) 6.18 Come Dine With Me. (R) 6.19 Come Dine With Me. (R) 6.19
- Reading, Berkshire, hoping to impress with her burlesque-themed party and gourmet
- burgers. (R) 6.45 Channel 4 News.
- 7.00 Lent Diaries.
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 7.05 Grand Designs. Colin Mackinnon and his partner Marta Briongos take on an ambitious project to build a bespoke metal home next to an airfield runway, designed by one of Sociathad's most eminent architects and inspired by aircost. They have to contend with violent rain, snow, 100mph winds and the worst storms for a century, and the couple have to draw on their reserves of mental century, and the couple have under draw on their reserves of mental energy, as what was supposed to be a 12-month build heads into a third year. (R) Hostages. The day of the president's surgery arrives and as Blair's squad moves into position, the first lady finally sees through
- Ellen's deception and demands the truth. Last in the series.
- Film: Taken. (2008) An American Film: Taken. (2008) An American teenager travelling through Europe is abducted by a gang of sex traffickers. However, what the kidnappers do not realise is that the girls father is a former CIA agent, who employs all his old skills as he searches for the criminals and tries to rescue his daughter. Thriller, starring Liam Neeson.
- Neeson.

 10.50 Film: The Stone Roses: Made of Stone. (2013) Premiere.

 Documentary in which filln-maker Shane Meadows follows the band in rehearsals for their 2012 reunion concerts.

 12.50 Film: Trainspotting. (1996) 2.25 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.30 SuperScrimpers' Challenge. (R) 5.26 River Cottage Bites. (R) 5.40 Goodwood 72nd Members' Meeting.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Access. 10.05
The Dog Rescuers. (R) 10.40 Beware!
Cowboy Builders Abroad. (R) 11.40 The
Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)
12.40 Film: Murder at the Gallop. (1963)
Miss Marple mystery, starring Margaret
Rutherford. 2.20 Film: Barabbas. (1961)
Biblical drama, starring Anthony Quinn.
5.00 Film: Columbo: Ashes to Ashes.
(1988) Neterbine drama starring Peter (1998) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan.

- Falk and Patrick McGoohan.

 6.40 Longmire. Walt fears drug producers are about to start a turf war in the region when a fisherman finds the bodies of a dealer and a hitman for a Mexican cartel in a remote creek.

 7.30 NCIS. Gibbs and his team investigate the bizarre deaths of a marine and two of his friends at a stag party. Elsewhere, Gibbs tries to persuade Vance to allow Ziva back into the NCIS. However, she must first pass a barrage of psychological evaluations. Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette star. (R)

 8.25 NCIS. A blogger who accused the
- star. (R)

 8.25 NCIS. A blogger who accused the NCIS of a cover-up is found dead, and Gibbs and his team are forced to reopen a closed case to find the killer. However, state police suspect the special algents may have been involved in the murder and take control of the investigation. (R)

 9.20 5 News Weekend.

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- 9.20 5 News Weekend.

 9.25 Britain's Favourite Detectives. A countdown of the nation's favourite crime solvers as voted for by Channel 5 viewers in an online poll. The list features those who work best alone such as Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot and Lt Columbo, as well as duos including Morse and Lewis and Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman's portrayal of Holmes and Watson in Sherlock. There are and Watson in Sherlock. There are clips of the TV detective debuts of Pierce Brosnan (Remington Steele) and Bruce Willis (Moonlighting), alongside interviews with Alan Davies interviews with Alan Davies
 (Jonathan Creek), Falicity Kendal
 (Rosemary & Thyme), Prime
 Suspect creator Lynda La Plante,
 Phil Davis (Whitechapel) and Una
 Stubbs (Sherlock).

 12.15 SuperCasino. 3.15 Classic Car
 Rescue. (R) 4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.25
 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 The Funky Valley
 Show. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05
 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.20 Angels of
 Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show.

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BBC Three

7.00 Top Gear Bolivia Special 8.20 Film: Toy Story 2 (1999) 9.50 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 10.35 Family Guy 12.30 Film: Youth in Revolt (2009) 1.55 In the Flesh 3.50 Great Movie Mistakes: Revenge of the Fifth 4.00 Close

7.00 Wild Wales 8.00 Chemistry – A Volatile History 9.00 Film: Downfall (2004) 11.25 Pavlopetri – The City Beneath the Waves 12.25 The Sky at Night 12.55 Solar Storms – The Threat to Planet Earth .155 Chemistry – A Volatile History 2.55 Wild Wales 3.55 Close ITV2

12.15 Britain's Got Talent 1.35 Britain's Got More Talent 2.35 Totally You've Been Framed 1.3.01 The Vamps: The Hot Desk 3.30 Film: The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (2005) 5.50 Film: The Unique on and Dragons (2000) 8.20 Britain's Got More Talent 9.20 Totally You've Been Framed! 10.00 Celebrity Juice 10.50 Crazy Beaches 11.20 Britain's Got Talent 12.40 Britain's Got More Talent 1.40 Fake Reaction 2.15 Dads 2.40 James Arthur: The Hot Desk 1TV3

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11.35 Film: Carry On Cruising (1962)
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5.05 Foyle's War 7.10 Rosemary & Thyme 8.20 Doc Martin 9.20 Joanna Lumley's Greek Odyssey 10.20 Cold Blood 11.50 Rosemary & Thyme 12.55
Murder, She Wrote 1.55 Judge Judy
2.15 ITV3 Nightscreen

11.00 Live Indian Premier League 11.UU LIVE Indian Premier League Cricket. Royal Challengers Bangalore v Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders v Delhi Daredevils. 8.00 Ali: Still the Greatest 9.00 Film: The Boat That Rocked (2009) 11.45 Film: Monty Python's The Meaning of Life (1983) 2.00 Benidorm 3.00 Teleshopping

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(2011) 10.50 Goon (2011) 12.40 30
Days of Night (2007) 2.50 A Letter to Elia

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

A&A WALTERS LTD NAMED FUNERAL PLANNER OF THE YEAR

 Tipton firm picked from network of more than 3,000 independent funeral directors to win Golden Charter award

A&A Walters Ltd has been voted Funeral Planner of the Year for the West Midlands and North Wales region in the annual awards run by leading funeral plan provider Golden Charter.



The Tipton firm was named the best large-sized firm in the prestigious awards which were open to Golden Charter's network of more than 3,000 independent funeral directors.

The team at A&A Walters Ltd won the award in recognition of their dedication and commitment in providing an outstanding service to the local community.

Rachel Hodges received the award on behalf of the company from Ronnie Wayte, Chief Executive of Golden Charter. In addition to the contemporary award and framed certificate from Golden Charter, the Woodland Trust has dedicated ten trees in A&A Walters Ltd's name at Credenhill Park Wood, Credenhill in recognition of their achievement.

Rachel said: "The award recognises the hard work, dedication and professionalism of all my colleagues.

Ronnie Wayte, Chief Executive of Golden Charter, said: "This is the 21st year of these awards, and each year it becomes more difficult to choose a winner. Through these awards Golden Charter celebrates personal excellence and professional commitment in one of the most difficult and challenging areas of serving the public.

"The team at A&A Walters Ltd has set a very high standard and we are delighted to recognise this tremendous achievement."

Customers buying pre-paid funeral plans are protected against inflation and benefit from peace of mind knowing their family will be able to pay for a funeral no matter how far into the future.

Golden Charter, which has seen its own sales rise by two thirds for the current financial year, estimates that in 2013 independent firms held around 42% of the funeral plan market with corporate providers such as Co-operative Funeralcare and Dignity accounting for the rest. Similar in structure to that of a mutual society, Golden Charter is owned by and run for the benefit of its members - independent funeral directors.

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Billy Bob Thornton

Fargo (Channel 4, 9pm)

What made the 1996 Oscar winning movie Fargo such a success? The script and direction by the Coen Brothers, the plot, and the outstanding cast all deserve their due, but for some viewers, the snowy Minnesota setting, and the contrast between the homespun friendliness and sing-song accents of the locals and the unfolding horror, was also a big part of the appeal. And it's that ambience which carries over into this new TV series, which keeps the location and mix of humour and murder, but introduces a new story and a fresh set of characters played by an equally impressive cast. Billy Bob Thornton stars as Lorne Malvo, a malicious drifter. who enters the life of smalltown insurance man Lester Nygaard (Martin Freeman).

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 8.35 Match of the Day. (R) 10.00 Easter Worship from Leicester 11.00 Urbie 10 fbi. 11.35 Flog It! (R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 More Creatures Great and Small. (R) 2.30 Formula 1 – Chinese Grand Prix Highlights. 4.30 Escape to the Country. 5.00 Lifeline. 5.10 Songs of Praise. 5.45 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 6.35 BBC News: Benjonal News:

- 6.35 BBC News; Regional News;
- 7.00 Countryfile. The team heads to the Isles of Scilly, where Ellie Harrison finds out about the problem of rats and the devastating effect they have on the local seabird population. She also visits the privately owned island of Trescoe, to hear how a Trescoe, to hear how a programme to eradicate the rodents affects the recently imported red squirrels. Matt Baker goes flying with ducklings – boarding a plane with 50 birds destined for a duck farm on Scilly destined for a duck farm on Schiy

 and back on the mainland, Tom

 Heap looks at the dangers

 involved in farming, as well as

 ways to make it safer, and Adam

 Henson visits a goat farm.

 Including Weather for the Week

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- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team make a return visit to Polesden Lacey near Dorking in Surrey, in search of more family treasures. Curios on show include a painting of JMW Turner's house on the banks of the Thames, a set of early board game designs and an instrument panel from a
- Lancaster bomber 9.00 The Crimson Field. Thomas develops a system to help treat wounds, although Major Yelland is dismissive of the method and
- 10.00 BBC News; Regional News;
- weatner.

 10.25 Match of the Day 2. Norwich City v Liverpool, Hull City v Arsenal and Everton v Manchester United. Mark Chapman presents highlights of the Premier League
- 11.35 Live at the Apollo. Kevin Bridges hosts the stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo in London, introducing routines by Phill Jupitus and Sara Pascoe. (R) 12.20 Weatherview. 12.25 BBC News.

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.30 Countryfile. (R) 7.30 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.00 The Beechgrove Garden 8.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 10.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. 12.15 Film: Custer of the West. (1967) Historical biopic, starring Robert Shaw. 2.30 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The second session on the second day at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

BBC2

- Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.

 6.00 Davis v Tayor: The '85 Black Ball Final. Colin Murray presents a look back at the final of the 1985 World Snooker Championship between Dennis Taylor and Steve Davis. The match finished after midnight, but kept an estimated 18.5 million viewers engrossed until the title was decided on the final black of the 35th frame. With final black of the 35th frame. With
- final black of the 35th frame. With contributions from Barry McGuigan, Ted Lowe, Stephen Hendry and Barry Hearn. (R) Morecambe & Wise in Pieces: Leading Men. Penelope Keith presents a compilation of highlights from the comedy duo's shows featuring appearances by male stars of stage and screen.
- shows featuring appearances by male stars of stage and screen.

 8.00 50 Golden Yaars of Sport on BBC
 Two. Sue Barker presents a look back at the history of sport on the channel through some of its most memorable events. With contributions by Murray Walker, Des Lynam and lan Botham.

 9.00 All About Two. Dara O Bräinh hosts a quiz celebrating 50 years of BBC Two in which teams of celebrities answer questions about the channel's programmes and stars. The panellists are Mock the Week's Hugh Dennis, Deborah Meaden of Dragons' Den, Dawe Myers of the Hairy Bikers, Professor Brian Cox, Goodness Gracious Me star Meera Syal and choirmaster Gareth Malone, with Pointless co-host Richard Osman on hand to supply extra facts and figures.

 10.40 The Making of Ol. An insight into
- extra facts and figures.

 10. 40 The Making of QI. An insight into the production of the popular comedy quiz show in which host Stephen Fry awards points to contestants who provide interesting answers to his questions. (R)
- 11.40 Snooker: The World Championship. Highlights of the evening session at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, which featured the conclusion of the first-round matches.

12.30 Snooker: World Championship Extra. 2.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. 3.25 Holby City. (R) 4.25 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. 6.10 Dino Dan. (R) 6.25 Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) 6.50 Canimals. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Dm Nom Stories. (R) 7.20 Sootly. (R) 7.30 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.30 Film: Columbo Goes to College. (1991) 12.30 ITV News; Weather. 12.40 The Crocodile Hunter Discree. (R) 11.01 The Litercentable. Weather. 12.40 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) 1.10 The Unforgettable Yootha Joyce. (R) 1.40 Big Star's Little Star. (R) 2.40 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 3.55 Film: A View to a Kill. (1985) James Bond adventure.
6.20 Regional Programme; Weather.

- 6.30 ITV News: Weather.
- 6.45 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in
- animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. Them plays to win 150,000.

 7.30 Off Their Rockers. Velma gets racy in a photo booth, Seb needs a fright to cure his hiccups and Rosemary eats some funnytasting biscuits. Hidden-camera comedy with fearless senior citizens.
- 8.00 Endeavour. As plans to build a new police station lead Morse to question his place in the force, he investigates the case of Tommy Cork, a boy from a broken home Investigates the case of Infilmy Cork, a boy from a broken home who has disappeared. Meanwhile, the body of disreputable journalist Eric Patterson has been found on railway tracks in mysterious circumstances. He was last seen embroiled in an argument with a council official about a company preparing to redevelog the site of Blenheim Vale, a disused correctional tacility for boys. When a petty criminal with a connection to Blenheim absconds from an open prison, it sets off a chain reaction of events that threaten to expose horrors of the past. Did missing Tommy witness something that cost him his life? Last in the series.
- 10.00 Perspectives: The Magic of Houdini with Alan Davies. New series. The Jonathan Creek star explores the extraordinary life of escapologist Harry Houdini and takes part in a series of death-defying acts to understand what made him tick.

 11.00 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 Premiership Rugby Union. 12.15 The Store. 2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

- 6.05 Film: Hoot. (2006) 7.40 Film: Lassie. (2005) 9.30 unday Brunch. 12.30 Secret Eaters. (R) 1.35 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.35 How! Met Your Mother. 3.00 How! Met Your Mother. 3.30 The Simpsons. (R) 4.00 The Simpsons. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal. 5.35 Channel 4
- 6.05 Lent Diaries. The lives of people who worship in Britain's West African churches, the fastest-growing sector of Christianity in Britain today. Last in the series.
- Britain today, Last in the series.

 6.10 Film: Hop. (2011) Premiere. The Easter Bunny's son is about to take over the chocolate-delivering business, but rejects his responsibilities and heads for Hollywood to seek fame and fortune as a drummer. He makes life difficult for the directionless starker who takes big in but they.
- ife difficult for the directionless slacker who takes him in, but they must work together to avert a crisis on Easter Island. Partanimated comedy, with James Marsden.

 For the Love of Cars. New series. Life on Mars star Philip Glenister and renowned car designer Ant Anstead scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic motors to their former glory. They begin by tracking down a rare Ford Escort Mexico, and while Ant takes on the mammoth task of rebuilding the rusty vehicle, Philip explores the story behind one of the most beloved British cars ever built, meeting passionate boy racers who meeting passionate boy racers who are preserving the Escort spirit.
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 9.00 Fargo, New series. Crime
 comedy-drama based on the Coen
 brothers' Oscar-winning 1996
 film. Martin Freeman stars as
 small-town Minnesota insurance
 salesman Lester Nygaard, who is
 set on a path of destruction after
 an encounter with manipulative
 drifter Lorne Malvo. Coin Hanks
 plays single father Gus Grimly,
 who must chonse between his who must choose between his own safety and his duty as a police officer when he comes face to face with a killer.
- 10.30 Film: Heat. (1995) A detective becomes obsessed with capturing a highly intelligent career criminal who is planning one last robbery before his retirement. Thriller, with Al Pacino and Robert De Niro.
- 1.35 The Good Wife. (R) 2.20 The Hotel. (R) 3.15 Secret Removers. (R) 4.10 SuperScrimpers' Challenge. (R) 5.05 Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies. (R) 6.35 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.50 Chloes Closet. 7.00 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.20 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.30 Little Princess. (R) 7.50 Film: Thomas & Friends: King of the Railway – The Movie. (2013) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Small. 8.55 Ben and Hollys Little Kingdom. (R) 9.10 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 9.55 Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) 10.30 Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) 10.30 Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) 11.05 Access. (R) 11.15 The Dog Rescuers. (R) 11.45 Film: Fragon. (2006) Fantasy adventure, starring Ed Speleers. 1.40 Film: Spider-Man 3. (2007) Superhero sequel, starring Tobey Maguire 4.20 The Sound of Music Livel 7.00 5 News Weekend.

7.00 5 News Weekend. 7 05 Film: The Forbidden Kingdom (2008) Premiere. An American teenager obsessed with kung fu movies is sent back in time to ancient China, where he joins the ancient China, where he joins me battle to tree the imprisoned Monkey King. The only problem is he has no martial arts skills of his own, and will need the assistance of two legendary warriors to become the hero he needs to be. Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li and Jackle Chan. Edited for violence and language. iolence and language

9.00 Film: Act of Valor. (2012)
Pilm: Act of Valor. (2012)
Premiere. A team of elite Navy
personnel is sent on a mission to
rescue a kidnapped CIA agent.
Their mission leads them to
uncover a conspiracy between a
Russian drug smuggler and a
fanatical terrorist, and a plan to launch a devastating attack on the United States. Military adventure, starring Alex Veadov and Roselyn Sanchez. Edited for

language.

10.50 Film: Punisher: War Zone. (2008)
Premiere. The ruthless vigilante
faces a battle to the death with a
disfigured mobster. Action thriller
based on the Marvel comic-book, starring Ray Stevenson and Dominic West.

Dominic West.

12.55 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. 3.05 Britain's Crime Capitals. A look at towns and citles in the UK most affected by crime, beginning with Liverpool. (R) 4.00 Wildlife SOS. (R) 4.20 Make It Big. The big day arrives. (R) 4.45 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.05 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.55 Fore Junky Valley Show. (R) 5.25 Fore Junky Valley Show. (R) 5.35 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Film: Toy Story 3 (2010) 9.35 Russell Howard's Good News 10.05 Family Guy 10.50 Sweat the Small Stuff 11.20 American Dad! 12.05 Ja'mie: Private School Girl 1.00 Russell Howard's Good News 1.30 Orphan Black 3.00 In the Flesh

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BBC Four
7.00 Film: The Man in the White Suit
(1951) 8.25 Film: The Happiest Days of
Your Life (1950) 9.45 The Art of Tommy
Cooper 10.15 The Secret Life of Bob
Monkhouse 11.45 Arens: Ken Dodd —
Happiness 12.45 The Wonder of Bees Happiness 12.45 The Wohlder of Bees with Martha Kearney 1.15 Imagine – Jimi Hendrix: Hear My Train a Comin' 2.45 Jimi Hendrix: The Road to Woodstock

ITV2
12.00 You've Been Framed! Family
Special 12.40 Film: Valiant (2005) 2.15
Film: Despicable Me (2010) 4.15
Britain's Got Talent 5.30 Britain's Got
More Talent 6.30 Film: The Lost World:
Jurassic Park (1997) 9.00 Film:
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Vampric Diaries 2.40 Kesha: The Hot
Desk 2.50 Teleshopping

1743 12.15 Film: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) 2.10 Film: Carry On Girls (1973) 4.00 Film: The Great St Trinlan's Train Robbery (1966) 5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 The Zoo 9.00 Birds of a Feather 20 Visious 11 00 Film: The Graduate 9.30 Vicious 10.00 Film: The Graduate (1967) 12.10 Cracker 1.20 Film: Carry On Girls (1973) 2.55 Movies Now 3.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale

ITV4
6.30 Police, Camera, Action 1 7.00
Storage Wars 8.00 Premiership Rugby
Union 9.00 Indian Premier League
Cricket 10.00 Film: Unleashed (2005)
12.00 Film: Village of the Damned
(1995) 2.00 Minder 3.00 Teleshopping
3.30 The Store 5.00 Teleshopping

E4
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2.38 Rude(ish) Tube 3.30 The Big Bang
Theory 4.30 How! Met Your Mother 5.00
The Tomorrow People 6.00 Brooklyn
Nine-Nine 6.30 The Big Bang Theory
8.00 Film: Independence Day (1996)
11.00 Rude Tube: Total Stunts 12.00
How! Met Your Mother 1.00 Rules of
Engagement 2.00 Rude Tube: Total
Stunts 2.55 Bob's Burgers
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11.00 The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1958)
1.00 Flash Gordon (1980) 3.10 The
Towering Inferno (1974) 6.20 The Karate
Kid (2010) 9.00 Layer Cake (2004) 11.05
Role Models (2008) 1.00 Underworld:
Evolution (2006) 3.25 Close

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Rocky Balboa, Channel 5, 11pm
The ageing fighter contemplates a return to the ring when a computer simulation reveals he would have defeated the current world heavyweight champion Mason "The Line" Dixon, who responds by challenging Rocky to face him for real. Boxing drama sequel, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Antonio Tarver, Geraldine Hughes, Burt Young, Milo Ventimiglia and Tony Burton. (2006)

A Woman's Rage, Channel 5, 3.10pm

An obsessively jealous woman with a history of failed relationships is devastated when her boyfriend leaves her. She blames his younger sister for causing the break-up, and plans to get revenge by seducing her teenage son. Crime drama, starring Cynthia Preston, Brandy Ledford, Cameron Bancroft and Alex House. (2008)

WEDNESDAY

The Private Lives of Pippa Lee, BBC1, 11.45pm
A middle-aged woman married to a man 30 years older than her is shocked when he announces his intention to leave their New York home in favour of a retirement Drama, with Robin Wright, Alan Arkin and Winona



Two for the Money, BBC1, 11.35pm

An American football player whose career is cut short by injury becomes the protege of a power player in the world of sports gambling because of his knack for predicting winners. For a time the former sportsman enjoys the life of a high-roller, but when his skill begins to falter, his mentor turns on him and the pair engage a fraught game of con and counter-con. Drama, with Al Pacino, Matthew McConaughey, Rene Russo and Armand Assante. (2005)

The Bourne Ultimatum, ITV, 10.35pm

Amnesiac rogue assassin Jason Bourne's long-buried memories are reawakened by a British journalist researching the secret organisation that was responsible for transforming him into a killing machine. Meanwhile, a ruthless CIA director becomes convinced Bourne is still a security risk, and plans to dispose of him once and for all. Third instalment of the spy thriller series, directed by Paul Greengrass and starring Matt Damon, Joan Allen, Julia Stiles, David Strathairn, Paddy Considine, Scott Glenn and Albert Finney. (2007)

Tommy finds himself

caught in the middle

ould you see Shameless's Frank Gallagher as Tommy Cooper? Perhaps not, but chameleon-like ability to slip into any role, no matter how unlike.

For a decade it seemed Threlfall was forever destined to play dole cheat Gallagher in Channel 4's hit drama. Thankfully over the last couple of years he has gone back to inhabiting a variety of real and fictional characters. Last year he was on top form as retired detective Len Harper in BBC drama What Remains. Now he's doing an uncanny take on Tommy Cooper in this drama paying tribute to the iconic magician and comedian who passed away 30 years agot his month.

magician and comedian wino passed away 30 years ago this month. It focuses largely on Cooper's relationships with two women – his wife Gwen (Amanda Redman) and Mary Kay (Helen McCrov), the assistant with whom he had a 17-year affair which only ended when he collapsed and died live on TV in 1000.

984. In the flesh, Threlfall is light years

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creations. There's none of the hammy am dram thespian he played in Hot Fuzz (a film he still hasn't seen), and his ability to morph into Cooper for this drama is remarkable. "It's his story from '67 to the night he died inclusive, and I guess the back story of what he was doing publicly and some of his private life," explains David. "What's nice about it is it's a period piece, and it nods to the people of a certain age who knew Tommy Cooper and either really liked him or worshipped him because he was a completely special one-off."

one-off."
At 15 stone, and standing six foot four, Cooper was a unique sight on any stage. Despite being a skilled magician, it was his failed tricks that brought the house down. But off stage, his love of booze and subsequent poor health took its toll. David was well aware of how important it was to nive a faithful

David was well aware of how important it was to give a faithful performance: "People use the word 'genius' too much, but I think you car apply it to (Spike) Milligan, you can apply it to Tommy Cooper... so no pressure at all thying to portray that," he laughs. "But I had a go. So there's

bits or nis line at nome and what ne was all about, which was wanting to make people laugh." After making this drama, Threffall was snapped up by Oscar-winning film-maker Kevin McDonald to work on submarine salvage drama Black Sea, which is

salvage drama Black Sea, which is released later in the year.
"I've sort of slipped back onto the variety bandwagon if you like," explains David. I always like, if I can and people are willing to let me have a go, be pretty varied about the kind of work I get involved with, but I'm not one of these people that say, "Well, I'm doing this now and I've got this lined up," and all that. There's no plans after I finish on Black Sea."

plans after I mish on Black Sea: However, with a body of work including King Lear (with Laurence Oliver), and now one of the Kings of British comedy, there's little chance of him settling for an early retirement just yet. "I've allways been a working addr," opposition." If old come on addr, "opposition." If old come on that's what I do. "If I can have a year where I can do What Bemains, then where I can do What Remains, ther where I can do what Hernains, then Tommy Cooper, then a sub mariner in Black Sea, that's good and I'm happy and grateful for that."



Tommy Cooper: Not Like That, Like This, Monday, ITV, 9pm

Best of the Rest

Pick of the Week

24 Hours on Earth BBC1, 7pm

Finally, the nights are getting that little bit longer, he weather is – sort of – brightening up a bit – it's he strongest hint yet that summer is well on its way. And while we maybe shouldn't get too far ahead of ourselves and start mentally packing our suitcases for our summer holiday, for the time being we're being treated to another brilliant documentary from the Beeb, about how nature and animals deal with this time of the year. t tells how the changing position of the sun n the sky affects the behaviour of animals and plants across our planet. The animals are alert; from the moment the sun rises, they're waiting ready to take advantage of all the opportunities

BBC1, 9pm

hat she has seen.

aster, so it should come as no surprise to find that the BBC is broadcasting a lavish costume drama. This time it's an adaptation of Daphne Du Maurier's novel Jamaica Inn, which stars former Downton Abbey resident Jessica Brown Findlay as Mary Yellan, who turns down a marriage proposal in favour of moving to Cornwall to live with her aunt Patience following her mother's death. Patience runs Jamaica Inn with her bullying husband Joss, a nard-drinking smuggler, just one of many locals who seems to live outside the law. Mary falls for his brother, Jem, but after witnessing a murder, has a tough decision to make about whether to report

The Big Allotment Challenge BBC2, 8pm Last week, Fern Britton kicked off The Big Allotment Challenge by introducing the nine pairs of gardeners whose skills were about to be put to the test. One duo fell by the wayside after failing to impress during flower-arranging and jam-making tasks, so when we catch up with the gang again. only eight pairs remain. This week, they have to grow the perfect runner beans and roses, then use their produce to create summer wreaths and relishes. But who will come out smelling of, erm roses, and who will end up in a sticky spot? We'll find out after horticultural expert Jim Buttres floral designer Jonathan Moseley and food writer Thane Prince have offered their opinions on the contestants' efforts

New Worlds

Channel 4, 9pm
If you're basing your knowledge of Charles II on Horrible Histories (and there are definitely worse places to get your information from), you may be under the impression that he was the king who brought back partying. But as this historical drama has shown, not all of his subjects felt like celebrating under his reign. In the final episode, there's definitely a revolutionary spirit in the air in America as Ned (Joe Dempise) returns to Hope (Alice Englert),

and tells her that he does want them to be together - but first they have to find a hiding place for Beth (Freya Mavor)

WEDNESDAY

Channel 4, 10pm

Viewers and critics were unsure of Derek when it was commissioned by Channel 4. Could Ricky Gervais, a comedian and writer who had made his name with The Office and Extras, pull off a gentle sitcom about a man who may have learning difficulties? But what Gervais has created is a moving story about a group of people

living on the margins of society, with Derek the glue holding them together. The second run picks ur his friends. He's now fully reunited with his dad, who is moving into Broad Hill, the retirement home where Derek is a care worker. Tom and Hannah's relationship seems to have become serious set to rock the boat.

THURSDAY Wanted: A Family of My ITV. 9pm

perfect choice for helming this new four-part series about the life-changing process of adoption because he was adopted himself as a baby. For the purpose of this at times emotional programme, cameras have followed parents desperate to adopt and the children who need families - so that we can gain a rare insight into adoption in Britain today, and the impact it has on the lives of those involved. In this first instalment, we hear Nicky's story, before he meets Dan and Ania, who are perate to adopt, and they receive information about two children needing a family

FRIDAY ekend Escapes with Warwick Davis ITV. 8pm

The actor takes his family to Norfolk, where they begin with a boat trip along the Broads, which are made up of more than 125 miles of waterways. Next, they cross the county to visit the seaside resort of Hunstanton, which gives Warwick the chance to participate in an RNLI training exercise. He then persuades his wife and children to have a go at milking sheep at nearby Bircham Windmill, before ending the weekend at a local amusement arcade

The Trip to Italy

BBC2, 10pm Steve's assistant Kate joins him and Rob in Rome, where they also meet up with photographer Yolanda before visiting the Keats-Shelley Memorial House museum. They go on to their next restaurant, where Emma has a bit of news for them, and Rob and Steve compete with each other doing Marlon Brando impressions.

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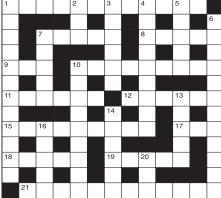
- 1 Resolute due to threats, perhaps (5-7)
- 7. Not the best man in the stable? (5)
- 8. A belief in sacred
- office (5) 9. Boat propeller (3)
- 10. Could you mend a broken skate with it? (9)
- 11. Is hard, perhaps, but may be eaten 12. Granting some
- 15. I'd put in now for a high position in
- 17. A politician concerned in current
- affairs (3) 18. A bonus for an actor (5)
- 19. Spring edition? (5) 21. They help people

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both

- 1. Song part here distributed to an office girl (12)
- 2. Also comes to noth ing (3)
- 3. She and men get involved and become engaged! (6)
- 4. He gets what's com ing to him (9)
- 5. Yet quoted as odds 6. Swiss cantons, for
- example? (7,5) 7. Blush when at-
- tacked by a bull (5) misplaced ingenuity 10. Use face stain to attract (9)
 - 13. I am a long time getting the likeness
 - 14. Emotion felt when it appears to give you a break? (6)
 - 16. Come in and start the entertainment (5)
 - 20. The whole world finds it illuminating



Quick Clues:

- 1. Quibbling (12)
- 7. Hail (5)
- 8. Vagrant (5)
- 9. Before (3)
- 10. Defender (9)
- 11. Not certain (6)
- 12. End (6)
- 15. Distress (9)
- 17. Prohibition (3) 18. String (5)
 - 19 Bend (5) 21. Untimely (12)

- 1. Indispensable condition (12)
- 2. Wrath (3)
- 3. Choice (6)
- 4. Assembly (9)
- 5. Respond to stimulus (5)
- 6. Fearful (12)
- 7. Conjecture (5)
- 10. Keep on striving (9)
- 13. Tinge deeply (5)
- 14. Athletics implement (6) 16. Pretend (5)
- 20. Manage (3)

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24 Terrace. Down: 1 Airless; 2 Partial; 3 Tiller; 5
Eminence; 6 Vaunts; 7 Caesar; 13 Economic; 14
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9 Asinine; 10 Clever; 11 Appeal; 12 Decision; 18
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Dilate; 24 Degrade. Down: 1 Concede; 2 Defence; 3 Alters; 5 Instance; 6 Canopy; 7 Sundae;
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Aldeney Close

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Lawnswood Road

Lawnswood Road

An INCREDIBLY LARGE DETACHED THREE
BEDROOM BUNGALOW which is superby located
within the 'silp road' of Lawnswood Road, close
to countryside and shops/amenities, providing
a VERY LARGE layout of accommodation which
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Himley Avenue



MAGNIFICENT LARGE GARDEN (with associated distant views). A spacious, EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with further potential in quiet cul-de-sac. Accommodation provides: entrance vestibule. central reception hall, store, transverse 20'2" lounge, extended 21' dining room, extended 21' breakfast kitchen. Four generous bedrooms, enlarged bathroom. Car port, garage. Exceptionally lengthy garden with workshop, sheds, and a garden room, and a wide range of established shrubs & plants - PERSONAL INSPECTION VITAL FOR TOTAL APPRECIATION. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £215,000

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Green Lane

Green Lane
Enjoying an exceptional position BACKING ONTO
ATTRACTIVE PARK GROUNDS within this highly sought
after cut-de-sea, well placed for local schooling, this
ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMIDETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS
accommodation which is WELL APPOINTED/PRESENTED
Hall, Lounge with bay, ATTRACTIVELY REITTED DINING
KITCHEN, Utility Room, useful Storeroom, ground floor
WC. THREE BEDROOMS, beautifully re-appointed
Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DUBLE
GLAZING. With front garden, BLOCK PAYED RIVENAY,
EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777.

£179,950

LOWER GORNAL



Coopers Bank Road



REQUIRING COMPLETE REFURBISHMENT, this SUBSTANTIAL TRADITIONAL DOUBLE FRONTED DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys an INCREDIBLY GENEROUS POSITION within this highly sought after address, enhanced by VERY LARGE FRONT / REAR GARDENS and offering IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation with FANTASTIC POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT, comprising: large central reception hall, spacious lounge with bay, separate dining / sitting room, kitchen, rear veranda, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, separate w.c; gas central heating system. With large front garden, DRIVEWAY, ENCLOSED SIDE PARKING, wooden garage and a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: TBA. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in the region of £199,950

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Milford Close

Milford Close

A DELIGHTFUL MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME with an 'open' front outlook, upon the fringes of sought after 'feectory Fields', offering a GENEROUS layout which requires updating, comprising: Reception Hall with WC off, large full depth Lounge-with-Dining Area, fitted Kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom, separate WC; WARM AIR HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Gently with GARAGE and a good sized and private rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950

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Kenelm Road



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING! A comprehensively modernised, significantly EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached in magnificent order throughout. The first quality accommodation includes; reception hall, store, sitting room with bay, tremendous 22'7" x 16'6" "hub of the house" dining kitchen with large double glazed "clear storey-skylight"and an extensive range of units (wood burning stove), utility room, lengthy office (with sky lights), and a shower room. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Boarded/plastered roof space with sky light. Off road parking, substantial secure brick store, and a delightful sheltered well cultivated rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902

Offers in the region of £155,000

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Meadowfields Close

Meadowfields Close
A LARGE, MODERN, FAMILY END TOWNHOUSE
with SUPERB OPEN FRONT VIEWS, within a
sought after 'cul-de-sac', offering a VERY
LARGE and WELL PROPORTIONED layout
which includes: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall,
full width Lounge with walk-in bay, Breakfast
Kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED
BEDROOMS and refitted Bathroom. WARM
AIR HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, DRIVEWAY,
INTEGRAL GARAGE, front/side lawns
and a large rear garden. EPC Rating: TBA.
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Stallings Lane

Stallings Lane
Conveniently located for local shops / amenities within this popular address, forming the very fringe of the highly respected 'Charterfields' development, this MOST DECEPTIVE MODERN END FAMILY TOWNHOUSE offers SPACIOUS and VERY WELD ADDRESS OF TOWNHOUSE OF TOWNHO

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The Paddock

Realistically priced, Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached enviably situated in favoured district with views over cricket ground. The accommodation has significant potential, and comprises; enlarged entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, secluded rear garden .EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the region of £139,950

LOWER GORNAL



Park Road

An conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular/convenient neighbourhood Accommodation includes; reception hall, store lounge, upgraded kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, dining room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Rare advantage of substantial GARAGE Gardens EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

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Myrtle Road

Myrtle Road
SUBSTANTIAL GARAGE TO REAR! With no upward chain a significantly improved freehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' in established/convenient eighbourhood. Accommodation provides reception hall, shower/wet room, lounge, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of upgraded units, uPVC part double glazed conservatory, 3 bedrooms, separate toilet, gated driveway to the garage, gardens.EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £107,950

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Claremont Cottages, Bilston Street
An ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING, exceptionally
well presented & conscientiously maintained,
Freehold, LPVC Double glazed intermediate
bungalow within reasonable distance of
Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities.
Superb accommodation provides; reception
hall, cloaks cupboard, double bedroom, kilchen,
reappointed & rettled shower room with stylish
white contemporary suite, transverse living/dining
room. Delightful gardens, parking. EPC Rating;
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Offers in the region of £93,950

Brierley Hill



William Street

William Street
This DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS, Victorian style,
double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC),
gas centrally heated, two bedroom mid terrace
is conveniently situated for local amenities,
and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN.
Accommodation briefly comprises: lounge, dining
room, RE-FITTED KITCHEN, guest w.c / utility,
TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, larger
than average bathroom with white suite, and a
level rear garden. EPC Rating TBA. BRIERLEY
HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£89.950

LOWER GORNAL



Orchard Grove

A Freehold, gas centrally heated (recent comb boiler), and uPVC double glazed end "starter home" within reasonable distance of the village, and all associated amenities. Offering potential for further improvements, the accommodation comprises; reception hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room (with woodburner), THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Gardens. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89.950

PENSNETT



Church Street
This modern style, part uPVC Double Glazed Gas Centrally Heated, End Town House is tucked away in a cul-de-sac part of Church Street, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The property may represent an ideal FIRST TIME BUY, and briefly comprises: Lounge, Kitchen Double Bedroom, re-fitted Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£77.000

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Harvard Close

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached centrally neated, three begroom detached family is situated in a cul-de-sace location and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises; entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, guest w.c. Three bedrooms (with en suite to master), bathroom with white suite. Garage, driveway and rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the region of £169.950

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Wall Heath Enville Road £5.000 REDUCTION

A VERY INDIVIDUAL AND SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE conveniently located within the heart of Wall Heath, having been EXTENDED AND IMPROVED to offer UNBELIEVAVABLY SPACIOUS accommodation, including THREE RECEPTION ROOMS, and all of which is WELL PRESENTED to offer: large reception hall, ground floor W.C, very spacious lounge, separate sitting room / rear lounge, formal dining own, study, fitted dining kitchen, utility room, useful store room, rear veranda, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with RE-FITTED EN-SUITE BATHROOM with luxury shower), house bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With PEBBLED DRIVEWAY, TANDEM GARAGE and pleasantly laid out rear garden including a large timber decked patio. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777 A VERY INDIVIDUAL AND SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE conveniently

£304.950

LOWER GORNAL



PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED. An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, modern, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence of quality constructed circa 2006 (and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee) in development of elegant first quality homes. Outstanding accommodation includes hall, cloakroom, study, magnificent 27ft through living/dining room (with 'walk in bay' & double French doors out to garden), superb 'hub of house' 18ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units, fitted appliances & granite work surfaces & further laundry section, breakfast/tv room. Gallery landing, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with professionally installed units & a shower room en suite), bathroom garage, expertly landscaped secluded gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £310,000, NOW £299,999

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This well presented, modern style, double glazed vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally leated, Four Bedroom Mid Townhouse provides leated, Four Bedroom Mid Townhouse provides extended to the still be still be up to the still be still be up to the s

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ubstantial imposing and particularly spacious FREEHOLD and gas centrally heated and double glazed. Bryant built family residence with potential. Having 'no upward chain' this fine home provides traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, elegant 18ft 3" (into bay) lounge separate dining room, kitchen, utility room. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS bathroom, double garage, gardens, EPC Rating C, SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £265,000

LOWER GORNAL





An absolutely outstanding & particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow excellently situated at head of quiet 'backwater' yet within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities Significantly upgraded by present vendors in recent years, the superb, extremely flexible accommodation provides imposing 30ft. reception hall, 18ft lounge, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & a range, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further bedrooms (one presently utilised as a sitting room), reappointed/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom). Former 'garage' converted to a utility/workroom. Block paved foregarden, delightful secluded/landscaped rear garden with fine range of shrubs/plants, patio & decking. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £221,700

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Rock Road, Hurst Hill

Rock Road, Hurst Hill
Delightful exceptionally well appointed a
meticulously maintained FREEHOLD gas cent
heated and uPVC double glazed traditio
terrace ENVIABLY situated in quiet backwe
overlooking allotments with associated dista
vestibule, sitting room, under stairs store, dir
room, rear lobby, refitted kitchen with a I
range of 'beech effect' units, laundry and uf
double glazed CONSENVATORY beyond.
double bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with an
sectuded and well tendered garden. EPC Ra
D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 890888

Offers in the region of £124,950

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Lauriston Close, "Earls Keep'



This immaculately presented, fastidiously maintained, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family home is situated at the head of a quiet cul-de-sac, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of the accommodation provided. The impressive property briefly comprises; entrance hall. stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c. Three good bedrooms (principal with en suite), bathroom with white suite. Garage, driveway and pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

WAS £199,950, NOW £194,950

LOWER GORNAL





Conveniently situated for the village (just off Central Drive), an exceptionally stylish freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached constructed circa 2008 having been tremendously improved by present vendor & presented in exemplary order throughout. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted/half tiled cloakroom (with white suite), further store, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech effect units & various integrated appliances, living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom with white suite, extensive parking to front & landscaped secluded rear garden designed to ensure 'low maintenance'. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE

Offers in the region of £149,950

UPPER GORNAL



Redwood Avenue

conscientiously maintained & enhanced Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached with further potential in well regarded/convenient district Accommodation includes; entrance porch reception hall, dining room, sitting room, kitchen pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Large (19'5" x 9'0" garage. Sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £123,950

QUARRY BANK



Edwinstowe Close

This modern style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM Semi Detached Home occupies a corner plot and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, lengthy Lounge / Dining Room, Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Rear Garden and allocated Parking. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£120.000

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Beech Close

This traditional, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in a quiet cul de sac and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families alike Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen with fine range of units three good bedrooms, shower, driveway & side/ rear gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE

WAS £109,950, NOW £107,000

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Rounds Hill Road

A comprehensively modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached of character that has been transformed by present vendor in recent years. Situated within reasonable distance of busy rail transport routes & many other amenities, the stylish accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dinling room (with double French Integrated appliances, two/three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden (kerb dropped) & good size rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902

WAS £103,950, NOW £99,950

Brierley Hill



Moor Street

Moor Street

We are pleased to offer for sale, this modern style, two bedroomed end townhouse, with uPVC double glazed accommodation ideally suited to the first time buyer. The well presented accommodation comprises: hall, lounge, modern styled kitchen/diner, two first floor bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, burglar alarm, gardens to three sides including large garden area to side which could be suitable for a number of uses. Realistically priced. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£97,000

Brierley Hill



Dadford View

Enjoying a first floor position within this now established modern development, just a short distance from local amenities and canal walks, this RATHER WELL ARRANGED, TWO BEDROOM FLAT should interest first time buyers and affords a layout with DOUBLE GLAZING to comprise: Communal Hall with stairs, Flats own Reception hall, Pleasant Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS and Delightful White Bathroom. Communal Gardens and Grounds and Allocated Parking Space. FPC Rating C. and Allocated Parking Space. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

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CATHERINE ROAD

FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING A GROUNDFLOOR BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE AND CONSERVATORY! This is a gas central heated and double glazed property comprising to the groundfloor of entrace hallway, bedroom with en-suite, fitted kitchen, lounge and conservatory, landing, three burther bedrooms and family bethroom, the Letterally there is a driveway to the front and rear garden. EPC Ratings Awaited

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GREEN PARK ROAD

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REDUCEUT CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED END I ERRACE PROVINCES COMPRISING OF THERE ERROROMS. We are pleased to offer for sale this gas central heated and double glazed end terrace property comprising to the groundfloor entrance hall, drining room, lounge with coess to the caller, kitchen, utility room, groundfloor bathroom. To the hist oor there are three bedrooms. Externally there is a rear garden. EPC - D. £135000

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LOUNGE LEADING TO THE OPEN PLAN CONSERVATORY.
We are pleased to market this double glazed and gas central heated improved semi detached properly which comprises to the groundfloor of entrance half, lifted kitchen, rear lounge, conservatory, landing, two bedictions and bathoroom. Externally, there is driveway parting and gardet. PER Ratings Awaited.

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BIRMINGHAM ROAD

We are pleased to market this modern style semi detached properly comprising to the groundfloor of an entrance half, lounge, kirchen, conservatory, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. Externally there is a driveway providing parking and a rear gardne. EPC -

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NEWEY STREET

A THREE BEDROOM END TOWN HOUSE WITH DRIVEWAY PARKING TO THE REAR. We are pleased to market this double glazed and gas central heated and town house three bedroom property comprising to the groundfloor of entrance porch, entrance hall, kitchen/dining room, louge, first floor landing, three bedrooms and a family bathroom/we. front and rear garden along with parking. EPC - D £100.000 DUDLEY © 01384 455000

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PARKES HALL ROAD

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DIBDALE ROAD

A THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING FITTED KITCHEN, EN-BLOC GARAGE AND CONSERVATORY. We are pleased to market property comprising to the groundfloor of entrance hall, fitted kitchen, through lounged /dining room, conservatory, landing, three bedrooms and a shower room. Externally there is a and en-bloc garage. EPC rating is grade C

£120,000

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HONEYTREE CLOSE

AN EXTENDED AND WELL RESENTED IN DEFAULTED HAVING NO UPWARD CHAIN.
We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double gloazed extended link
detached properly comparings to the ground for ord entertone full, lounge, setteded
dining room, extended fitted districts, stilly room and groups. In the first floor, the louding
gives cares to three bedrooms and a flored bothorous. Externally there is a drivery
providing parking to the front and an enclosed reor garden. EFC rating grade is D.

£155000

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WILDAY CLOSE

We are pleased to market his well presented and improved modern detached property which comprises to the groundlibor of entrance hallway, cloatoron/we, lounge, dining room, conservotry, filted kinken, first floor landing, three bedrooms of which he moster benefits from ensities and to family bethroom/we. Externally there is a rere garden, block parved driveway leading to the garage. FCR Rating 1s Grade C DILIFEY 20 11344 455000

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MAITHOUSE DRIVE

DUCEDII A modern three storey three bodroom townhouse sing to the groundfloor of entrance hallway, room which was by the garage, shower room, utility room and bedroom. To the or there is the lounge, fitted dirining kitchen and to the second two further bedrooms of which both hove ensuite faccilities. Illy there is driveway parking and garden to the rear. EPC - D DUDLEY @ 01384 455000

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ST MARKS ROAD

MODERN THREE EBPROOM BND TOWN HOUSE, We are pleased to market this double glazing and gas central heating end town house. The property comprises of entronce hall, lounge and kitchen/diner to the groundfloor. To the first floor there are three bedrooms and fitted bathroom/wc. Externally there is off road parking and low maintenance rear garden. EPC-C.

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VANBOROUGH WALK

VANBOROUGH WALK

REDUCED This gas centrally heated and double glazed
property is worth of any early viewing, comprising entrance
porch, dining room, extended lounge, extended kitchen,
ground floor clockroom, landing, three bedrooms & shower
room. The outside has rear garden & block paved driveway.

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THERE BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY OCCUPYING A CORNER PLOT. We are pleased to market this double glazed and gas central heated detached property briefly comprising to the groundfloor of vestibule, hall, lounge, dining room and kitchen whilst to the first floor there are three betwooms and family bothroom/ve. Externally there is a driveway providing parking, garage and rear garden. EPC - E DUDLEY @ 01384 455000



RENNETT AVENUE

REDUCEDING or a pleased to bring to the market this improved boy fronted semi detached property which has the benefit of a gas fired central heating system. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, litchen/dining room, first floor landing, three badrooms and a bathroom/we. Externally there is a drivewey providing off rood parking and on extensive, enclosed rear grarten. EPC-E.

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glazing, it has an entrance hall, a cel-lar, lounge and separate sitting room, large games room, dining kitchen, downstairs shower room, three double bedrooms and a bathroom. There is a detached garage with a storage room

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roomed detached house in Roebuck Lane, West Brom-wich, which is ideal for com-

wich, which is ideal for commuting, is for sale through Samuel & Co at £239,950.

It has a porch, entrance hall, extended lounge and dining room, extended kitchen, cloakroom, study/gym, five bedrooms, a bathroom and gardens and a garage. The entrance hall has a Minton tiled floor, the lounge has a bay window, feature fireplace and laminate flooring, the kitchen with a gas hob, extractor fan, oven below and a further split level oven and ceramic floor tiling. extractor ian, oven below and a uturine split level oven and ceramic floor tiling. The study/gym room has French doors to the garden and a tiled floor. Upstairs two of the five bedrooms have fitted wardrobe. The bathroom has a white suite with corner bath, wash basin, WC and there is a walk-in shower. Contact Samuel & Co











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C-Class is now making its mark

By Andy Enright

The Mercedes C-Class has grown up a little, and in doing so has become a force to be reck-

The latest Mercedes-Benz C-Class range offers more space, an interior that's leagues ahead of its predecessor, the option of air suspension and some very slick infotainment and technological features.

The C-Class ought to have been all that the company knows about luxury saloons distilled into a smaller form, but for many vears it was instead a car that was short on quality and long on price tag.

The 2007 model repaired much of its reputation and the subsequent 2011 facelift brought even more features and better efficiency, but in this country, the C-Class always lagged a distant third in the compact executive sales charts behind the BMW 3 Series and the Audi A4

Much has changed in the interim though. The introduction of a smaller four-door saloon, the CLA, has allowed the C-Class to become a bit bigger and a good deal more luxurious. The latest car is a fresh design from the ground up and it shows.

Although there will doubtless be a turbo-charged AMG tarmac-tearer in the works,

This is where a good deal of the development budget has been spent'

the C-Class has for some time been, and will continue to be, focused on comfort and refinement.

It's clear this is where a good deal of the development budget has been spent in differentiating this generation car from the BMW 3 Series, the Audi A4 and the much-improved Lexus IS.

To that end, it's the first car in its class

to offer air suspension. This comes with an Agility Select switch which allows the driver to select between Comfort, ECO, Sport, Sport+ and Individual settings.

The diesel engines include a 2.1-litre C220 BlueTEC unit good for 170PS, plus you can talk to your dealer about feebler C200 BlueTEC and pokier C250 BlueTEC offerings. Petrol-wise, there's a 184PS C200 unit. Granted, it's not a very wide range of engines to duke it out with BMW

to arrive in due course.
The C300 BlueTEC Hybrid combines a four-cylinder 204PS diesel engine with a compact 27PS electric motor and looks interesting, as does the prospect of a plug-in hybrid model. In the here and now, there's a choice of two six-speed manual transmissions or an improved version of the 7G-Tronic automatic gearbox. The electromechanical Direct Steer system is also fitted as standard.

Looking at the exterior of this C-Class, you'd be forgiven for thinking that this was the most conservative of styling directions. Any notionally car-literate person would be able to tell you it was a Mercedes C-Class, even if they'd never clapped eyes on the thing before. It's tidily executed, with hints of the latest S-Class in its detailing.

Drop inside and you'll see where this Mercedes differentiates itself. It's radically different to its predecessor with a broad centre console swooping between the front occupants

Prices for the C200 petrol start at around £27,000, while for a C200 BlueTEC diesel, you'll pay from around £29,500. There are

three trim levels, SE, Sport and AMG Line. Expect to find pricing very slightly above obvious rivals but the downsized engines balance that out to some extent. One thing's for sure. Mercedes hasn't done things by halves here. This C-Class is one









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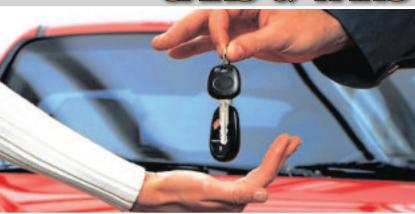
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Audi heralds future of driving

By Sharon Walters

This is no science fiction tale, driverless cars are coming, although that may be some years ahead. They will be safer and more reliable than cars of today.

You will get in, programme where you are going and the car will do the rest even on the busiest of roads.

Today we already have cars that 'automatically' operate certain controls. Pay enough and you can get cars that switch on the lights, go up to main beam and then dip if something's coming in the opposite direction. Windscreen wipers will flash on to keep your screen clear. Audible alarms will come on if you are wandering across the centre of the road, sensors can brake your car if you get too close to the vehicle in front. Further safety systems will switch in if you start to lose control and try and keep you out of trouble. And so it goes on. The ability to take away the steering

The ability to take away the steering and give a computer full control of your four wheels is already there but there are still hoops to jump through to get it on the road.

In the meantime we can enjoy those cars that take a lot of the strain of getting from A to B. But, we need to take care that we actually remain in control as all the gizmos can only protect you so far – at present. One car on the market that does most of

One car on the market that does most of this is Audi's scorching hot RS7 quattro. I fact I can say that at times during a recent test, I felt I was already driving remotely. The car didn't really want to have me interfering in what it wanted to do. It was quite happy letting me sit behind the wheel and appear to be in charge.

Let's start with what's under the bon-

net and at the heart of this wolf in sheep's clothing. And that is a V8 4.0 litre TFSI with 560 bhp struggling to get out. A lot of power which means performance is mighty. There is no way you can let this take its head and remain anywhere near legal. It's rather like riding a powerful horse – you have to constantly keep a tight hand on the reins to prevent it running away.

The RS7 will get from 0-62mph in 3.9 seconds and on an airfield where I took it for a bit of a sprint, it blasted through 100mph without a toss of its mane and was fast approaching 140mph before I eased off. There was still so much power trying to get out, it really was a struggle to use those reins.

Intelligent

The gearbox delivers quick changes and is intelligent enough when left in 'Drive' ogive seamless push at any speed. Switch to manual mode and there is a slight delay in changes but nothing to spoil 'normal' driving.

Grip levels are extremely high and this is where I did feel I was behind there even though I was behind the wheel. Hitting prolonged, slower corners when pushing on, you can feel the rear sports differential doing exactly what it should and helping to fight centrifugal force under hard cornering. And that felt as if I had no participation in what was happening. The grip's there but you have build up trust that the car will respond to your guidance. It's almost as if it's saying go on do what you have to but I can manage quite well thank you.

When you are not pressing on the engine uses selective cylinder de-activation to turn it into a four-cylinder which boosts the official economy figure to a 28.8mpg.



'It's like riding a powerful horse – you have to constantly keep a tight hand on the reins to prevent it running away' But I doubt it achieves that. Expect low 20s for the bulk of driving and when pushed expect 17 to 18mpg.

Aside from the engine doing the driving it also has all the automatic controls. The central information system will even warn you when fuel is getting too low and offer to automatically guide you to the nearest fuel stop.

On the comfort front the seats are supportive and hold you in just the right place. UK RS7s get air springs as standard but my test car also had the £10,725 option of a dynamic package which includes top speed restriction, ceramic brakes (superb, as I found), dynamic steering and sports suspension with dynamic ride control

which gives a firmer set up and one which I prefer. That may seem pricey but if you can afford the £82, 010 basic price, then an extra £10,000 is neither here nor there. As is the £6,300 Bang and Olufsen Advanced Sound System.It's juke box facility is almost limitless in capacity and there's also a six CD changer.

As for enviro friendliness it isn't terribly green with CO2 emissions: 229g/km and the VED band comes in at L - £815 first year, £475 thereafter.

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champion for chess players

STOURBRIDGE Chess Club's Dudley division one team hosted Rushall in what looked liked an even matched. Julie Wil-son was a convincing win-ner and Dave Scriven's

son was a convincing winner and Dave Scriven's opponent resigned. Nick Arkell and John Foxall both accepted draws to give confirm victory.

The club went into the week as title contenders in Wolverhampton division 1 with everything resting on two adjourned games from the match against Bushbury with the match score 2-2. Nic Fallowfield took his game and Eric Horwill who had an inferior position, battled hard to get a draw.

Only Lichfield could stop them by winning all three of their adjourned games. But they could not oit and Stourbridge are the champions with six wins, two draws and one loss.

Thursday night was

wins, two draws and one loss.
Thursday night was Birmingham league finals night. Stourbridge had teams in both finals but third division Redditch proved too strong in the Terrill trophy final.
The third division team faced 2nd division Sutton Coldfield in the final of the Homer Cup for teams knocked out in the first round of the Terrill. The game was adjourned with a tough fight ahead.

Pedmore power on for title

Pedmore (131-2) beat Belbroughton (94-4)
THE final week of the league at Edgecliff School, Kinver, saw champions Pedmore retain their unbeaten

Pedmore's opening bats-men made scoring runs look easy. Dave Skelding (23) and Dan Jones started at a and Dan Jones started at a rapid rate which was main-tained by Sam Peruzza (26 no) Matt Porter (26 no) and James Burgoyne. Jones ran out Geoff Day and despite the efforts of Will Pardoe (28 no) Belbroughton could not ston Pedmore

not stop Pedmore.

Matches between Oldswinford and Belbroughton and Enville 'A' and Swindon were cancelled. Lye conceded matches to Belbroughton and Swindon.

It's just Hales can't recover from warm-up injury

A BUMPER crowd came to Wassell Grove on Saturday for the last game of the season.

on Saturday for the last game of the season. But things started badly for Hales, who lost fly half Steve Powell in the warm up to a thigh strain. They were already without top scoring centre Andy Robinson with a thigh tear and skipper Richie Taylor with a fractured cheekbone.

Lymm played some dominant rugby from the off and punished every Hales mistake which included three pass interceptions which resulted in tries. Hales were forced to defend their line, and limiting attack-

ing options. Half time saw Hales trailing 7-9 thanks to a home try just before the interval from Simon Sabel, converted by Chris Hooper. Renewed effort saw Hales claw their way back into the game with a pushover try scored by Mark Evans, again converted by Hooper at 14-19,

This was followed by what seemed to be a try from hooker Pete Fitzgerald, which the referee deemed to be short of the line. Lymm once again took advantage, kicked

the ball clear for their backs to chase down and carry the length of the pitch for what was a decisive try 14 - 24

This was followed by another excellent try from Lymm's backs who finished the game on a high with an additional penalty taking the final score to Hales to 14 - 32.

Hales squad and coaches were disap-pointed with the result but can take great comfort from what has been an excellent first season in national rugby finishing 4th.

Director of Rugby Gary Cox, coaches Mark Evans and Dan Lynne have done a sterling job with the players in what has

been a roller coaster season. Only on one occasion have they fielded a full squadThey now look to reassess and plan for next season. Team manager and president Simon Hussey said: "I am really proud of how the players have performed during a really tough season.

"To finish in fourth place out of 13 teams is muite an achievement."

is quite an achievement.

"The rest of our club teams have also played some great rugby against strong opposition."

There were wins for the 3rds and the 4ths against Kidderminster opposition

Wood block off win with late comeback

AFTER going 2-0 down in 20 minutes, Wood staged a remarkable comeback, with Harry Harris scoring twice in the last 12 minutes to

give them a share of the points.

Tipton edged the opening exchanges and on eight minutes a ball over the top of the Wood defence was collected at pace by Marvin Nisbett.

He raced into the left of the box and keeper Raajan Gill mistimed his challenge

Gill mistimed his challenge and the resultant penalty was tucked away by Danny Ashton.

Nisbett again got away on the left and his cross to the far post was agonisingly inches away from Callum Martin. With 20 minutes gone Nisbett was again causing problems wide left. His ball inside was collected by Ben Hadley, who looked

causing problems wide left.
His ball inside was collected
by Ben Hadley, who looked
offside, to run on and score
with a low drive.

Three minutes later it
should have been 0-3. Conner Gater racing away down
the left before cutting inside
and putting the ball on a
plate for Ashton four yards
out but he delivered the ball
into the grateful hands of
Gill.

Wood started to make in
roads when on 29 minutes
Lewis Taylor Boyce hit a
low cross into the box, Joey
Butlin stepped over the ball
and Harris hit a low drive
that was well held by James
Pemberton. With 34 minutes gone Deakin and Jamie
Hawkins combined cleverly
on the right but the cross
was just too high for Harris, who could only glance a
header wide. Two minutes
later a powerful right wing
run by Max Black saw his

Football cross put behind by Joe Rog-ers to deny Andre Gonzales. Then on 39 minutes Rog-

ers raced onto a ball on the ers raced onto a ball on the right before cutting inside and hitting a rising drive just too high. Wood had the last attack of the half, Har-ris hitting a lovely crossfield ball into the right of the box that Deakin collected at speed. Gater saved Town with a superb tackle.

Just to remind Wood he was still a danger Nisbett

Just to remind Wood now as still a danger Nisbett got clear on 55 minutes. His low ball across the face of the six yard box was stabbed wide by Hadley. Ten minutes later Nisbett raced through the centre. He was half stopped by Boothe but won the ball back and raced into the box where skipper Lee Stretton made a superbly-timed tackle to put the ball behind for a corner.

In a packed penalty area a shot crashed off the foot of the right hand post. It was delivered back across goal and Gonzales headed a goal-bound effort off the line. On 78 minutes a long clearance from Gill was won by Butlin. He crossed into the right of the box and Drew Alton filted the ward.

of the box and Drew Aiton flicked the ball on for Harris to score on the volley.

Mongan battles his way to be new champion



New England Schoolsboy Champion Jerry Mongan with his prizes

NEW England Schoolboys champion Jerry Mongan has been told his national title is the hardest-earned by any fighter from Priory Park Boxing Club, writes Craig Birch.

The Dudley gym had turned out 11 national champions before this month, with Mongan having to fight tooth-and-nail to make it a dozen.

The teenage traveller, who is home schooled, nudged a split decision at the Huddersfield Sports Centre in

the 54kg category of Class B, for boxers born 2000.

Victory over Pinewood's Wayne Owen took the 14-year-old all the way to the delight of trainers Warren Davis and Peter Upton, along with brother Michael, in his corner.

Davis said: "We are all really chuffed for Jerry and out of all the national titles we have won as a club, I think this one was the hardest earned. He's done really well, he's

had some tough opponents from good clubs and he had to box three times just to get past the Midlands rounds. "Then we had pre-quarter, quarter and semi-finals, all away from home

and all over the country, so he's really had to pull out all of the stops."

Trainer Davies believes his young prodigy has come on leaps and bounds during his second stint in the competition. "He's not the finished article yet as he's only 14". competition. "He's not the article yet, as he's only 14."

Gala final 47 proves tough for swimmers

TWO Halesowen teams travelled to Droitwich for the Worcester Winter League A and B finals on

Sunday. Both teams were de-Both teams were depleted due to absences but all swimmers produced battling performances with t A team gaining fourth place.
Halesowen B also performed well and ended in an excellent third place.
In the A team double event winners were Josh Bradley and James Cuthbert in the butterfly and breaststroke. Other indi-

bert in the outerny am breaststroke. Other indi-vidual winners were Zach Collins in the backstroke and Mark Laing and Jack Simpson in the freestyle. The age 13 relay team were unbeatable taking both medlay and freestyle

were unbeatable taking both medley and freestyle with the team of Emma Bird, Kate Morrice, Lau-ren Hill and Jakob Baker. The open team pulled off a great win in the final freestyle relay with the team including Eliza

Bradley and Hannah Cuthbert

Cuthbert
B team double winner
was Jacob Darby in the
breaststroke and freestyle. Other event winners
were Paige Robbins in the
freestyle, Sian Carey, Sophie Parsons and Euan
Vaughan-Hawkins in the
backstroke, Luke Morris
in the butterfly and Joe
Smith in the breaststroke.

Craig gets shock call by Kiwis

FORMER Coombes Wood off-spinner Mark Craig has received a shock call-up to the New Zealand squad for their three-Test tour of West Indies in June.

The 27-year-old, who spent two summers with the Halesowen club in 2005

and 2006, was the surprise inclusion in the Black Caps' 15-man party after War-wickshire spinner Jeetan Patel withdrew for personal

reasons.
Craig, who plays for Otago, took 43 first-class wickets at 42.88 in the domestic season in his homeland.

Craig is one of two uncapped players in the squad and coach Mike Hesson said: "Mark has had a strong Plunket Shield."

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Tonks' magic lifts the Yeltz

Halesowen Town 1 Loughborough Dynamo 0

A LATE moment of magic from Tom Kept Halesowen two points clear at the top of the Evo-Stik Division One South.

In a nervy home performance the lowly visitors started brightly with Martin Bowles volleying a loose ball over the bar in the fifth minute. Joe Phesant and Nathan Watson then both went close for Loughborough before Ben Haseley turned to hit wide of the far post in Halesowen's first real chance.

Neil MacKenzie fired a 21st minute volley over the visiting bar but it was

21st minute volley over the visiting bar but it was Loughborough's Luke Smithson who then saw his fierce volley beaten away by home goalkeeper Matt

fierce volley beaten away by home goalkeeper Matt Sargeant.

The Yeltz improved before the interval as Haseley flicked on for Iyseden Christie to drag his shot inches wide and a long range low shot from Aaron Griffiths was grabbed by goalkeeper Alex Pycock.

At the start of the sec-

Alex Pycock.

At the start of the second half Sargeant saved again from Smithson and at the other end Curtis Tilt's header was cleared off the Loughborough goal-line.

The edgy Grove finally erupted with delight in the 82nd minute when Tonks fired home the winner.

Runners take on marathon

AFTER months of training athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club tested themselves on the biggest stage of all by taking part in Sunday's London Marathon.DK runners made un 16 of the 36 000

ng part in Sunday's London Marathon.DK runners made up 16 of the 36,000 strong field.

First back was Dave Norman in 3.12.19, then Lorna Hulme, 3.21.24, Matt Biggs, 3.23.26, Graham Wildgoose, 3.23.51, Mark Homer, 3.26.10, Simon Hughes, 3.26.24, Mark Judge, 3.35.06, Andy Litchfield, 3.43.23, Liz Hettle, 4.16.03, Karen Doy, 4.18.02, Dave Garbutt, 4.26.09, Janetta Sanders, 4.48.10, Natalie Litchfield, 4.51.15, Mark Litchfield, 4.51.15, Lelen Williamson, 4.53.09, Sam Hemming, 5.23.55 and Laura Evenson in 5.34.51. Club chairman Mick Quane completed the Rotterdam Marathon in 3.31.58 with Catherine Quane in 25.50%

with Catherine Quane in 3.57.08.

Heathens power to record-breaking total

CRADLEY kicked-off their National League title defence in perfect fashion as they romped to a record-breaking 68-21 victory at Scunthorpe. Just a few days after equalling their club record win with a 69-23 triumph over

King's Lynn, the in-form Heathens went one better on Sunday with an emphatic vic-tory by an unprecedented 47-point margin. Taking on an inexperienced Scunthorpe side, the Monmore Green outfit were al-ways expected to take a comfortable win. Yet team boss Will Pottinger was thrilled

to see his side put in a professional display

to cruise to all four National League points as they begin their defence of the title they won so spectacularly in 2013.

He said: "Everyone was very professional with the excellent job they did – all the riders scored well and there could be no complaints with the preformance in the end

son well and feel like we can have another

Reserve duo Danny Phillips and Matt Williamson also continued their encourag-ing form to complete a classy showing on the road for the rampant Heathens. The visitors eventually struck ten 5-1s out of 15 races and accounted for 14 race

out of 15 races and accounted for 14 race winners as they stormed to the Heathens' biggest victory since the reformation of the club in 2010.

SCUNTHORRE 21: Sam Chapman 12, Steve Jones 3, Adam Extance 3, Sam Woods (no.8) 2, Fiyan MacDonald 1, Adam Kriby 0, Liam Sanderson 0, Arron Mogridge vir.

CRADLEY 68: Tom Perny 15, Nathan Graves 11+2, Paul Starke 11+1, Steve Worrall 10+2, Matt Williamson 9+1, Max Clegg 7+2, Damy Phillips 2-5.

Play-off hope is still alive

Stourbridge 3 AFC Totton 0

GARY Hackett's men kept their play-off ambitions in the Calor League Premier Division on track as they ran out comfortable win-ners in the end after surviving a couple of first-half

Stourbridge suffered a blow before kick-off when Luke Benbow had to be ruled out through injury.

The home side carved

The home side carved out an early opportunity as Louis Harris cut out a pass and worked a one-two with Kayelden Brown before flashing a shot off-target from the edge of the box. Four minutes later Sean Geddes sent in a free-kick from the left and Brown

from the left and Brown thrust out a leg to get a foot to the ball, but his effort was blocked by Steve Mowthorpe in the Stags goal.

In the 15th minute Drew Canavan fed Geddes, who played a square pass to Netan Sansara and he drilled in a sweetly-struck shot that was well held by Mowthorpe.

Stourbridge scored a second through Billingham and the third from Sansara on 79 minutes.

Casuals in cruise control for win

Wolverhampton Casuals 4

Wolverhampton Casuals 4
Dudley Sports 0
WOLVERHAMPTON Casuals cruised to a comfortable West Midlands League
Premier Division victory
but they still stay in fourth
place, four points behind
leaders Lye Town.
They scored a goal in the
first half and three in the
second.

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Speedway

ers scored well and there could be no com-plaints with the performance in the end. It's always nice to kick off your league cam-paign with a win and all four points as well.
"We know we are going to have tougher tests ahead but everyone is feeling confi-dent at the moment – we've started the sea-

son well and reel like we can have another good season."

Heat leader trio Paul Starke, Steve Worrall and Tom Perry all struck effortless maximums for the visitors - whilst they received fantastic support from all quarters

ceived fantastic support from all quarters thanks to a magnificent team performance.

Teenage ace Nathan Greaves came within a whisker of a maximum of his own suffering his only defeat as he made a well-deserved heat 15 appearance - whilst Max Clegg put in a strong showing in the engine room of the Cradley side, continuing his blossoming partnership with Perry.

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Chester 65 Dudley Kingswinford 22

DK travelled to Chester for this, the penultimate match of a long and arduous season, with Matt Perks replacing Nick Murphy.

Early DK pressure resulted in a penalty after three minutes ably converted by Kieran Pinches but the joy was short lived.

Chester replied within two minutes a good attacking run and grubber kick led to Paul Sherlock crossing for an unconverted try.

Three minutes later Andy Moore scored another try, which Will Nelson con-

Chester increased their

Chester increased their lead on 13 minutes with a super individual try from full back Sean Green, which James Mitchell converted.

But after a spirited spell of play from the visitors, hooker Matt Humphreys fed John Tideswell, who crossed for the try, which was converted by Pinches.

Chester replied immediately when on 20 minutes

ately when on 20 minutes flanker Will Brown scored a try which was converted by Mitchell.

Two minutes later DK were on the score sheet

were on the score sneet again.

A fine break from Harry Bayliss was fed to Donovan Smile, who put TJ Gordon over wide out. Pinches added the extra two points. After 28 minutes the home No8, Guy Ford, charged over and Mitchell converted.

DK were suffering from some indiscipline and not finding their touch kicks. This was putting pressure on the defence and on 33 minutes, speedy left wing

Rugby

Tim Jeffers crossed for an unconverted try. In first half injury time Mitchell added a penalty to end the half Chester 41 DK 17.

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Immediately after the restart, Ford broke away and scored a fine individual try. Mitchell again added the extra points. A fine break by Tideswell came to nothing but the home side hooker Liam Gill was sent to the bin. This immediately resulted in DK adding to their score when Gordon crossed for his second try.

After 56 minutes Ches-

After 56 minutes Chester's tough prop Gavin Woods was shown the yellow card.

low card.

DK were hit when influential No8 Tideswell was yellow carded. DK replaced James Jefferson with Duncan Tompkins and young Sam Shepherd for Bayliss. Pete Knight made a rare appearance replacing Tideswell. With 15 minutes remaining Ford scored his third try. third try.

third try.

Then DK's Connor Jones get a yellow card. Ford capped a fine display with his fourth try. Chester wound proceedings up with a try from Andy Moore converted by Mitchell.



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